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FIRST EDITION.

HARRISBURG.

PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE.

Petition for Secession from Pittsburgh.

Reading of Washington's Farewell Address To-Day.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.
HARRISBURG, PA., February 21, 1876.

SENATE.

The Senate was called to order at 7:30 P. M., Lieutenant Governor Latta in the Chair. Bills on first reading occupied the evening, after which the Senate adjourned until to-morrow.

HOUSE.

The House met at 7:30 P. M. The report of the Board of the State Lunatic Asylum was read. Letters, petitions, memorials, remonstrances, etc., were read and properly referred, as follows:

Petition of citizens of Bedford county, remonstrating against the repeal of the law library.

Mr. Morgan, of Lawrence—Petition of citizens of New Castle, asking the repeal of the tax on trades and occupations; also of citizens of Lawrence county, asking the modification of the act of April 24, 1874, relating to township auditors.

Mr. Toner presented the petition of citizens of Freeport, praying for the repeal of the prohibitory liquor law.

Mr. Piper—Petition of citizens of Sewickley township, Westmoreland county, praying for the repeal of the road law in said township.

Mr. Carson presented the following petition from prominent citizens of Pittsburgh, asking for the separation of the suburban districts which now comprise the Nineteenth, Twentieth, Twenty-first, Twenty-second and Twenty-third wards, in the city of Pittsburgh.

To the Honorable House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

The undersigned, citizens of Pittsburgh, respectfully represent that by the Act of Consolidation of April 6, 1867, Collins, Pebles and other townships of farm lands were taken in and included in the territorial limits of said city; that by unfair and unjust provisions of said act, the people of the old city have been and still do vote said rural districts in, against their will, as expressed at the polls at the election provided for in said act; that subsequent experience shows this unnatural union of urban with large districts of rural property under the same form of municipal government to be disastrous to both sections, without deriving any benefits whatever, or the possibility of any benefits from the Police or Health or Fire or Water Departments of the city to the farms and agricultural lands in question. They are subjected to taxation for these and other city purposes, at an amount generally more than double and frequently three times more than the pro rata of their property, and amounting to virtual confiscation, as under the circumstances the land cannot be sold or disposed of. Your petitioners therefore pray that a proper commission be appointed to examine into their grievances and appraise all and every improvement made by said city in said rural districts since consolidation, and ascertain all the money expended therein or therefor, and report the proper method of assessment and repayment thereof to the city, after deducting for taxes already paid by said rural property, and to report the proper line of division between actually urban and rural districts of said city, with a view to their separation; and that a law may be enacted for such division and rescission of districts reported, as rural, to their former status as townships of said county. And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

B. L. FAHNESTOCK,
ALEX. KING,
JAMES H. HOPKINS,
JAMES P. BARR,
JAMES KELLY,
JOSIAH HOLLSWORTH,
C. H. PAULSON,
A. L. RUSSELL,
HILL BURGWIN.

Various motions were made regulating daily sessions of the House hereafter, when, on motion of Mr. Graham, of Allegheny, the House agreed to meet daily on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, from eleven to one o'clock, and from four to six o'clock afternoons—yeas 99, nays 52.

Mr. Smith, of Berks, called up his resolution that hereafter no members shall speak on any one subject for a longer period than ten minutes.

Mr. Huhn moved to amend by adding "unless by permission of the House." Agreed to.

One thousand copies of the Adjutant General's report were ordered printed for the use of the House.

Mr. Smith, of Chester, offered the following resolution: "That when the House meets to-morrow, Tuesday, the 22d, after the reading of the Journal the Clerk read Washington's farewell address; that the House thereafter adjourn to Wednesday."

Mr. Irwin moved to amend so that Washington's farewell address shall be read, but the House refused to adjourn.

Mr. Losch offered the following preamble and resolution:

WHEREAS, Complaint has been made by citizens of Pennsylvania, owners and navigators of canalboats and barges plying between places in this State and points upon the public works of the State of New York, that an injurious and oppressive discrimination exists against their said vessels and in favor of similar vessels engaged in the navigation of the canals of the State of New York, by the act of May 6, 1870, and the supplement thereto, passed April 23, 1872; therefore be it

Resolved, If the Senate concur, That the Executive of the State of Pennsylvania be requested to communicate with the Executive of the State of New York, calling his attention to said discrimination, and requesting him to call the attention of the Legislature of the State of New York to the injurious operations there upon the interests of Pennsylvania citizens, requesting such equitable amendment thereof as may place the citizens of this State on the same equality in New York as is secured by law to the citizens of the State of New York in all parts of the State of Pennsylvania. Agreed to.

Mr. Carson read the following bill in place: Act for the relief of agricultural lands included within city or municipal territorial boundaries. The above act is intended as a general law for the State. It provides that when any citizens do not receive any benefits, they shall not be required to pay taxes.

Mr. Zern read in place an act to repeal the prohibitory liquor law in the borough of Monongahela City and Carroll township, Washington county; also an act to repeal the prohibitory liquor law in Harrison township, Allegheny county.

Bills on First Reading.—A number of bills passed first reading, among which the following were the most important:

Supplementary act to provide for the appointment of a State Board of Centennial Managers for the Centennial Exhibition and to defray the expenses thereof.

Act making appropriations for the salaries of officers and employes and for the improvement of the grounds and building of the Western Pennsylvania Hospital for the Insane at Dixmont.

Act making an appropriation to provide for an educational display at the Centennial Exhibition, to erect a suitable school house or other building for the purpose.

Act making appropriations for the salaries of officers and for repairs of the Western Penitentiary and for books and stationery for prisoners.

Act fixing the compensation of county officers of counties containing less than 150,000 inhabitants, providing for the payment of all fines received by them into the county treasury.

Adjourned.

The Democratic members of the House will meet in caucus Tuesday evening, at seven o'clock, to deliberate and fix a day for the final adjournment of the House.

RETURNING FROM CHURCH.

A Family Feud Settled—Two Persons Killed and Two Fatally Wounded.

INDIANOLA, IOWA, February 21.—Two families returning from church, about eight miles northwest of this city, became involved in a quarrel last Sunday night, and about twenty shots were interchanged. George and John Howery, brothers, aged respectively nineteen and twenty-two years, were stabbed and instantly killed. Their father and James Groom were fatally stabbed. The attacking party were Benjamin and Levi Westfall, Thos. Dillard, Jack Dillard, Frank Battles and Thos. Flanagan, all armed. There has been a feud between these parties for a long time. The Westfall party are in jail, waiting an examination.

Charlotte Cushman's Funeral.

BOSTON, February 21.—The funeral services over the remains of the late Charlotte Cushman took place to-day, in King's Chapel, in presence of an immense throng of persons, including Governor Rice and other State and municipal dignitaries. In the morning a great number of citizens viewed the face of the deceased while the body was lying in the Parker House. The remains were interred in Mount Auburn Cemetery.

THE BABCOCK TRIAL.

Mr. Storrs Continues for the Defense.

ST. LOUIS, February 21.—Emory A. Storrs, of General Babcock's counsel, resumed his address to the jury this morning upon the opening of the United States Circuit Court. He said: At the close of the discussion on Saturday afternoon I had finished, as I supposed, the dispatches between Joyce and Babcock, relative to the successor of C. W. Ford. It seemed to me that I had demonstrated that Maguire's appointment was the result of the most honorable motive, from the highest principles of justice. The President consulted the wishes of Ford's bondsmen, who were bound to the extent of thousands of dollars for the conduct of the officer. All this correspondence passed in October, 1873. From that time down to March, 1874, there was a period of dead silence between General Babcock and Joyce and McDonald.

I come now to the next dispatch, in order of time, from Joyce to Babcock in March, 1874: "Start for San Francisco to-morrow night; make D. call off his scandal hounds that only blacken the memory of poor Ford and friends. Business." Douglass, himself, tells you in his testimony that there was no direct suspicion against Joyce, but the revenue agents sent out here from time to time brought back such stories of excessive hospitalities, that the Commissioner felt the necessity of transferring Joyce, for the time being, to another scene and sphere of usefulness. Joyce attempted to visit Washington when he received the order, but was thwarted. Had Babcock then been a member of the conspiracy his office would have been called to use to prevent the San Francisco trip, or at least to secure Joyce the desired visit to Washington. General Babcock was not appealed to, and this is the best proof of his innocence and ignorance of any ring at this time. Referring to the "scandal hound" dispatch, Mr. Storrs asked who was Ford, and in reply quoted the President's deposition, in which the latter refers to his life-long friendship with Ford, and says that for several years before Ford's death he was entrusted with the care of the President's interests here, and was the recipient of hundreds and thousands of dollars from the President, which he disbursed, and of which, so implicit was his confidence, the President kept no account. Said Mr. Storrs, the tooth of slander may have bitten Ford through and through but the President still maintains the same confidence in his old friend which existed in New York State twenty-five years ago. It is absolutely delightful, in the vast desert of this case, in the great void of truth and honesty, to find a green spot like this. Knowing the relations between Ford and the President, Joyce sent his dispatch: "Make D. call off his scandal hounds that only blacken the memory of poor Ford." Is it any wonder that the Private Secretary of the President, receiving this dispatch, went to Douglass and inquired if any investigations were afoot touching Ford?

Mr. Storrs then read the letter of March 17 from Babcock to Joyce, in which he says Douglass informs him that no charges have been made concerning Ford or any other St. Louis officials, and then tells Joyce he don't know why Douglass sends him to San Francisco, unless it is because of the confidence he feels in him. Can that be the letter of one conspirator to another? "I do not know the object of your visit to San Francisco." Would that be possible if Babcock was a conspirator? wouldn't he have known? wouldn't Joyce have informed General Babcock as soon as he was ordered to San Francisco, and have besought him to interview and prevent the trip? Gentlemen, I think I can safely leave the "scandal hound dispatch" in your hands. After this Joyce was in San Francisco several months. No words passed between him and Joyce all that time. Did you ever hear of such uncommunicative conspirators? Here is a conspiracy from October, 1873, down to the last of May, and only one telegram from Babcock to Joyce and two answered ones from Joyce to Babcock, and those creditable to the latter.

Mr. Storrs then referred to the letter of October, 1874, to Babcock: "Have you talked with D? Are these things right? How? Answer." He said no attention was ever paid to this, and it remained unanswered now. You must remember that McDonald, whom Joyce represented, was the Supervisor of this district. He was a trusted officer. He had a right to make these inquiries. It was not only his right, but his duty to know of every act in connection with the revenue service which concerned his district. If it had been a distiller who sent this message, it would have been different, but here was a high official who had a right to know. Suppose Joyce and McDonald were then engaged in a conspiracy; who knew it? Not the Commissioner of Internal Revenue even, into whose Department was all the streams of information which could show the conspiracy. How could General Babcock know it? Rogers, the Chief Clerk in the Department, did not know it and had not even a suspicion of Joyce and McDonald. Months after this, in the spring of 1875, Rogers wrote confidentially to McDonald, asking him to find a place in Arkansas for a young man, and thereby oblige a member of the Cabinet; and still later, when Douglass was being examined far a judgeship, Rogers wrote even more confidentially to McDonald, to tell him of Douglass' prospective promotion, and of his own candidacy for the vacancy which would be thus created, and asking McDonald to do what he could. Even here, in their own homes, Joyce and McDonald were considered efficient officials, and the ring had never been supposed. How can you say, then, that General Babcock should have known of it? The place where, if at all, it should have been known was in the Internal Revenue Department, and yet the evidence shows that Babcock was never there to see Douglass but twice, and never there at all to see Rogers. General Babcock had no means of knowing these frauds, even if they had been known by the Commissioner.

The next dispatch was that from McDonald, in Washington, to Joyce, telling him he had had a long ride to-day with the President, and that "B" and "H" were there. That dispatch was sent to be read, and if the truth were known, Joyce immediately on receipt of that dispatch went with it among the distillers, telling them, doubtless, that the President was going to headquarters; he keeps posted on affairs; Brooks and Hague are there, and we have nothing to fear." Can any one doubt that this was the purpose of that telegram? The President had simply, through courtesy, taken McDonald in his carriage for a ride, and mained silent down to the last moment, and who only spoke in obedience to the law whose majesty he recognized, now stands fully vindicated. There are no more flowers of rhetoric in his deposition than in Christ's Sermon on the Mount, but it goes right to the heart of every honest man. He intended no rebuke, yet what a rebuke it was! He was no volunteer witness, but was fortunately called by the exigencies of the case. Thus the President, the Secretary, the Commissioner and this defendant stand vindicated before the country by the developments of Tutton and the President's testimony.

Mr. Storrs next referred to the testimony of Everest, claiming that the mailing of the letters from Joyce to Babcock and Avery was a blind on the part of Joyce to strengthen his hold on the distillers. Counsel said Everest was an outlaw, captured on the old Continent by the Government, brought here and coerced, by visions of the penitentiary to swear to this transaction. Speaking of Magill, who swore to taking the letters from the street box, counsel said he believed every word that witness had testified to. Mr. Storrs closed his argument as follows:

"Never since I entered a court of justice have I felt such a sense of responsibility as rests upon me to-day. But a few weeks ago I left the house of this defendant. I saw his weeping children gathered around him and the pure and devoted wife clinging to him. I think I see him again, with his wife and children gathered about him, welcoming him back and kneeling in prayer to the Great God who has returned him to them without spot or blemish upon his fair fame. Gentlemen, I leave the case in your hands, feeling aware that, after due consideration of the testimony, you will render a verdict that will enable the defendant to walk with upright head, a free and independent man, along the streets of the city for which he has done so much."

Judge Dillon then rose to speak, but Judge Dillon said he was suffering with a severe cold and would adjourn the court until to-morrow.

XLIV. CONGRESS.

FIRST SESSION.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 21, 1876.

SENATE.

Mr. WINDOM presented joint resolutions of the Minnesota Legislature asking for the improvement of the Minnesota river. Referred.

Also, a resolution of the Board of Trade of Minneapolis asking for an appropriation for the improvement of the Red river of the North. Referred.

Petitions for the repeal of the Bankrupt law were presented by Messrs. Sherman, Wilson and Key, and all were referred.

The Military Academy bill, as reported, is amended in the following particulars: Items are inserted at $800 for additional pay for professors, for length of service; $10,000 for the pay of assistant professors, instructors, assistant instructors, and civilian assistants; $1,500 for clerks to Treasurer, and several other small appropriations for objects heretofore provided for but omitted by the last Congress.

A message was received from the House of Representatives announcing the passage of the concurrent resolution of the body, declaring the 22d day of February, of the present year, a legal holiday.

Mr. HAMILTON asked for an immediate consideration of the resolution.

Mr. CONKLING said he did not object to its passage but he desired to say that the time would certainly be best employed, when Congress should declare the birthday of Abraham Lincoln a legal holiday. The concurrent resolution was then agreed to.

Mr. ALLISON, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported with amendments the bill for the support of the Military Academy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1877. Placed on the calendar.

Mr. ALCORN—To amend the fifth section of the act entitled "An act making an appropriation to supply deficiencies in the appropriations as charged by Mr. Springer, it was a job of the last Congress." [Springer] was the workman. [Laughter.]

After some confusion, arising from the fruitless effort on the part of Mr. Holman to be recognized and to submit a motion, the House adjourned over Washington's birthday, which, being a national holiday, is a legislative job, by corporate speculation and public plunder? He denied that there could be any objection to the Secretary of the Treasury to withhold the appropriation, and he hoped the resolution referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. CONGER suggested (sarcastically) that Mr. Springer, from his long study of the law, had the decision of the courts must be, that the Judiciary Committee could give the House no further information.

Mr. KELLEY denied Mr. Springer's allegations as to the Centennial Board. He maintained that Mr. Springer, through his ignorance of law, had given to the Centennial Board more than it was entitled to, in the act of the last Congress.

Mr. LORD offered a resolution directing the Attorney General to report by what authority and for what purpose he recently gave instructions to his subordinates in contravention of the long established rule relating to testimony of accomplices in criminal actions. Adopted.

The House then proceeded to vote on the bill to reorganize the judiciary, and it was passed—yeas 162, nays 152.

Mr. KELLEY offered a resolution calling for the correspondence between the Treasury Department and the Bank of England, prior to the 31st of December, 1875, in relation to the transfer of the proceeds of United States bonds, sold or to be sold in London; also for correspondence between the State Department and the British Government in relation to the mode of transferring to this country the amount of the Geneva award. Adopted.

Mr. ELLIS offered a resolution for the appointment of a subcommittee to visit and inspect the levees of the Mississippi river and the region subject to inundation, in order to obtain such data and practical information as may enable it to determine the necessity and amount of the appropriation; provided that the visit be not made at public expense. Adopted.

Mr. TOWNSEND, of Pennsylvania, offered a resolution instructing the Committee on Pacific Railroads to inquire whether any combination or arrangement has been formed by the Central Pacific and Union Pacific Railroad Companies, or by any of their officers, with English capitalists or corporations to transfer the commerce of the Pacific ocean, now carried in American bottoms, to English-built ships sailing under the British flag. Adopted.

Mr. FAULKNER offered a resolution instructing the Committee on Foreign Affairs to inquire into the facts and circumstances of the conviction, in Great Britain, of Edward O. Condon, of the United States, and whether the case is a proper one for the interposition of the Government, either in the form of a demand for his release or of an appeal to British clemency. Adopted.

Mr. GOODIN offered a resolution calling for information in relation to the detention of C. C. Hutchinson, late Agent for the Ottawa Indians in Kansas. Adopted.

Mr. WILKINSON, from the bill for the tranfer of the Pension Bureau from the Interior Department to the War Department. Referred.

Mr. CLARK, of Missouri, from the Postoffice Committee, reported back the Postoffice bill. Passed.

Mr. SPRINGER made a personal explanation in reference to an amendment moved by him to the Centennial appropriation bill when it was before the House, whereby $1,000 was appropriated for the Board of Centennial Managers to visit Europe, and then to return to the stockholders the money they had subscribed, before paying into the Treasury the amount appropriated by Congress, the people had a right to know the facts relative. They would then brand the whole celebration as a huge scheme of private speculation and fraud. Until it be possible, he asked, that the first century's completion was to be celebrated under false pretenses, and that the appropriation survey was to be ushered in by a legislative job, by corporate speculation and public plunder? He denied that there could be any objection to the Secretary of the Treasury to withhold the appropriation, and he hoped the resolution referred to the Judiciary Committee.

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The Commercial.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1876.

THE foreign exports of Boston last week amounted to $806,627, against $489,558 for the corresponding week last year.

THE Committee of Ways and Means will meet to-day to finally vote in favor of the bill to carry into effect the Hawaiian reciprocity treaty. The advisability of the compact, however, is an open question.

UPON the whole we are glad that the present Congress is Democratic. No one had previously suspected the existence of such an enormous element of imbecility in that party. The people won't be gulled a second time.

THE case of General BABCOCK will probably be given to the jury to-day. The verdict will depend largely upon the instructions of the Court, and there has been an intense anxiety to get at some clue foreshadowing the Judge's intention in that respect. The popular interest is at fever heat.

THE Superintendent of the Washington police has ordered an advance along the whole line on the "tramps." In his instructions he states that that city has become an elysium for this class of pilgrims. The execution of the order will banish a good many adherents of the "Lost Cause," who have been prowling around the Capitol since the beginning of the session of Congress, picking up the stray crumbs that fell from the Confederate table.

"GOOD for Dockeray. He won't lecture, but wants $100,000 from the Spanish Government. Hope he'll get it, too."—*New York Commercial Advertiser.*

So do we, since in that event he may possibly feel disposed to pay to the Government the amount of his defalcation as an internal revenue officer in Florida, and to refund the $6,514 which he borrowed without security from the Freedmen's Bank, not a farthing of which has ever been paid.

THE Democratic National Committee will meet at Washington to-day. It is expected that nearly every State in the Union will be represented. The chief business of the committee will be the selection of a place for holding the National Convention. The *World* says that the friends of the various candidates seem to attach more importance to that preliminary movement than should naturally belong to it. Exactly. There is not a city in the country that is not good enough to hold a Democratic pow-wow in.

THE horizon of the Springfield *Republican* is steadily widening. Speaking of the recent speech of Senator BRUCE in secret session, and of the colored people of the South, the Washington correspondent of that paper, who is in thorough accord with the political views of its editor, says:

"The Democrats have no intention of saving the race from destruction. They are really to lose most of their legal rights, just as they have already done in Georgia and Mississippi. Nothing but the success of the Republican ticket, next fall, can save the race from being trodden under foot by such miscreants as Toombs and Hill."

TO-DAY is WASHINGTON'S birthday. It is a day so dear to the heart of every citizen that its commemoration in this centennial year should be particularly marked. Not only in the United States are the virtues of "the Father of his Country" looked up to with veneration and regard, but in every land on the face of the globe where lovers of civil and religious liberty are to be found, admiration for his genius and love for the purity of his character and career in private as in public life, are to be found also. Here in Pittsburgh let every man who has a flag display it early in the morning, and let the spirit of thoughtful patriotism everywhere prevail.

CHARLES NORDHOFF, who generally jumps at conclusions in the exact degree in which he fails to understand facts, in a recent article on the Southeastern coasts of Massachusetts relates, as a remarkable incident, how the British Admiral SIR ISAAC COFFIN, on visiting Nantucket, found that a great part of the inhabitants were his remote relatives, and, as a mark of his good will, founded a free school for their benefit. The officer in question was himself of the New England branch of the COFFINS, a "Nantuckter" born and bred. He entered the British navy before the Revolution, and thus became permanently separated from his native island, but years afterward gave the beforementioned proof that he had not forgotten it.

"Two months and a half have gone, and yet the Democratic House of Representatives cannot point to one single act accomplished that will inure to the benefit the country."—*Washington Republican.*

O, come now; don't be so sweeping in your statements. Haven't they stopped building a hospital at West Point; taken about three-fourths of a daily ration each from three hundred cadets; reduced the salaries of half a dozen professors, more or less, in that institution, and abolished its military band; adopted twine in the Post-office Department of the Capitol instead of red tape, and thereby saved a little, and introduced a tariff bill so wild and crude in its proposed changes as to excite general apprehension? What more do you want, pray? But some folks are never satisfied.

THE exposure of JAY GOULD'S connection with the New York *Tribune* for stock-jobbing purposes appears to have thwarted his schemes. It is now said that he is exceedingly anxious to close out his investment and get his money back. So long as this relation remained a secret, the disclosures of transactions regarding Panama Railroad or any other stock had some effect on Wall street, but it has now come to be so generally accepted that its opinions are coincident with the schemes and wishes of GOULD that these exposures, no matter how true in themselves, fall still-born on the street, and exert no influence whatever, except to affect the *Tribune* unfavorably. His retirement will not improbably embrace that of the present editor-in-chief, also.

A RAILROAD man as a farmer's candidate is a spectacle for gods and farmers, especially the latter. Yet the Illinois Granger Convention the other day nominated as their candidate for Governor a man who has not only been a "monopolist" all his life, but who is also a railroad man, being President of the Chicago, Millington and Western narrow gauge road, whose officers are running round the country, asking towns to subscribe money to build their road. Evidently the convention didn't know anything about his railroad connections or he would not have been nominated. His friends were very careful to say nothing on the subject, and now the farmers are invited to swallow candidate, narrow gauge railroad and all. It makes no difference, however. The next Governor of Illinois will be a staunch Republican.

BISHOP GILMOUR, the Catholic Bishop of Cleveland, not long ago publicly declared that the priests of that church should refuse the offices of the church to parents who neglect to send their children to parochial schools, and now it appears that the Catholic clergy of this city have decided to withhold the rites of confirmation from Catholic children who attend the public schools, the attention of parents being particularly called to this fact. This looks as though the Catholic hierarchy intended, here as elsewhere, to exercise spiritual terrorism over the members of that church with the view of coercing them into the support of the parochial school system. The real object of the Roman clergy in this country is to do away with State schools altogether, and no line of conduct would win for the latter their acquiescence.

REPUBLICAN State Conventions will be held in Indiana and Wisconsin to-day. The business of the former convention will be of an unusually important character. The result of the October election in Indiana will have great weight on the national contest to follow in November. Besides, it will be of great local importance, embracing State and county officers and members of the Legislature. The Indianapolis *Journal* says that so far as heard from, reports from all parts of the State in regard to the situation and prospects, are very cheering. The universal statement is, "We are in better shape in our county than we have been for six years." Republicans expect a strong ticket and platform. No candidates should be nominated who have political fever and ague in their bones, or who need strengthening plasters applied to their spinal columns. No party ever won success by timidity and fawning on their opponents. It is the aggressive and plucky leaders who win; it is effeminacy and trepidation that take men to the rear. With the right sort of platform and ticket our friends will carry the State—but they must carry the war into Africa with a will.

SOME of our Western States would seem to be sadly in need of legislators with judgment enough to know the meaning and import of the measures they originate and make part of the statute law. They see immediate effects only, entirely overlooking remote ones, thus proving themselves lacking in the very first element of statesmanship. Wisconsin and Iowa seem to be particularly unfortunate in this respect. Their statesmen can discover the expediency or inexpediency of a measure only by experimenting with it. If, after a couple of years, it comes within an ace of ruining some important branch of home industry, or hampers the development of the States themselves in a manner which no one can fail to see, or drives millions of capital away from, or keeps millions from coming into the State, they, by a laborious process of reasoning from these data, come to the conclusion that the law is, after all, not calculated to promote the greater good of the greater number. They are children in wisdom, and do not know that fire burns until they have blistered their fingers in the flame. Thus they acted in the case of the Granger railroad laws. The intended and immediate effect of these laws was very desirable, cheap transportation; and this was the only effect taken into consideration. Their remote effects, the bankruptcy of every railroad in those States, the prevention of the construction of another mile of railway, and the destruction of rapid transportation, or, if not the absolute destruction of existing lines, poor cars at a slower rate, were apparently never thought of. Wisconsin, however, has at length learned from sharp experience that its Potter law was a mistake, and repealed the hurtful statute. Iowa now proposes to follow suit by getting rid of the cast-iron railroad tariff law enacted some two years ago, and the question is now before the Legislature of that State. Official statistics show that $1,886,404 has been lost by the Iowa farmers, under the law, as applied to the leading trunk lines running through the State, since the passage of the act. The law reduces rates on freight taken up and put down within the State, but it is claimed that this is not a drop in the bucket compared with shipments without the State, and that the gain in that direction is hardly any compensation for the loss on through traffic. The farmers themselves now say that they cannot live under the law. They must have some relief, or stop raising cattle and grain. I people's foresight were as good as their hind sight, how many mistakes would be avoided.

WE COMMEND to the consideration of the *Post*, which is just now devoured with a feverish fear that General BABCOCK'S trial will result in a verdict of "not guilty," the following striking illustration of the admirable manner in which justice is meted out to Democratic offenders through the medium of Democratic juries, down South. In the United States Court of Louisiana, last Thursday, the jury before whom was tried one DUDENHEFFER, charged with the embezzlement of a large amount of money from the German National Bank of New Orleans, of which he was cashier, brought in a verdict of not guilty. The Court the next day addressed the jury as follows:

"The verdict rendered by you yesterday in the case of the United States vs. Ferdinand Dudenheffer was so extraordinary that I cannot let it pass unnoticed. In all my experience in courts of justice, running over a period of over twenty years, I have never known a verdict rendered so utterly in defiance of the law and the evidence. I am satisfied that it is impossible to administer the law and to dispense justice even-handed with a jury capable of rendering such a verdict. I therefore order that you be discharged from any further attendance as jurors in this court."

It appears that this DUDENHEFFER has been for years a prominent Democratic politician. The Government prosecutors are so disgusted with attempting to obtain convictions of criminals who have any prominence in the Democratic party from juries in New Orleans, that it is expected a change of venue will be asked by the District Attorney in the whisky and other cases where the Government is concerned.

THERE is some talk of changing the route of the proposed new coal road between Boston and to the anthracite regions of this State, from Pittston, which is situated near the extreme northern basin of the anthracite basin, to the Lehigh basin, directly through the heart of the middle coal fields. The Lehigh and Eastern Railway Company have already got their road under way. They will reach the Hudson river at Poughkeepsie from the Black Creek region, or middle coal field, by the construction of 130 miles; and this latter road will connect with existing roads already in operation leading to this city, or the Baltimore and Ohio road, crossing all the leading roads to Philadelphia and New York, thus making connection with the network of all the existing improvements in this State. As to the feasibility of the route, it is claimed that there will be no grade against the coal trade, so far as to the Hudson river, that will exceed thirty-feet per mile; and the Lehigh and Eastern Railroad Company have a subscription sufficient to grade three-fourths of their road. The distinct purpose, however, is to open a new and nearer route from our coal fields to the East, either in one direction or another.

THE reigning Sovereign of Great Britain is always styled "Defender of the Faith;" but, judging from appearances, the present incumbent of the throne may before long be at a loss to understand what particular kind of "faith" it is of which she is the special bulwark. The ecclesiastic machinery of the Established Church of that country recently received a severe blow by the decision of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council that the sacraments of the church cannot be refused to a man who does not believe in the personality of the devil. This was almost immediately followed by a decision that Nonconformist ministers have an equal right with Episcopalian clergymen to assume the prefix of "reverend," and now comes the same court and passes a sweeping condemnation on the use of lighted candles on the communion table; the administration of the communion to a limited party; the mixing of water with wine; the use of wafer bread; the westward position of the minister at the table, with his back to the people; the procession of acolytes with a cross; the wearing of the chasubie and alb, and the decoration of the church with symbols borrowed from the Roman Catholic style. It begins to look somewhat as though the enfranchising spirit of spiritual as of civil freedom were there abroad in the air.

"Our little systems have their day;
They have their day, and cease to be.
They are but broken lights of Thee,
O Lord, and Thou art more than they."

THE prosaic critics are very much disturbed over EMERSON'S last poem, "Boston," in the *Atlantic Monthly*. They do not seem to know that three or four good lines will alone preserve a poem faulty in some respects, as this is, and that the smoothest and most taking verses are the very ones that oblivion quickest buries. Of the American poets that have flourished in our day, how many will survive a century or two hence, except in a verse or a line? and none of them all can furnish so many lines incapable of being forgotten as EMERSON has written, some of which will be found in "Boston." He is not only a poetic-minded philosopher: he is a true bard.

Organized Militia in the Several States.

The Secretary of War has transmitted to the Senate a statement showing the aggregate number of the organized militia of the several States respectively, according to the latest returns, received at the office of the Adjutant General of the Army, furnished in answer to a resolution of the Senate, dated January 25, 1876. Seventeen of the States, as will be seen by the returns, have failed to comply with the requirements of section No. 1,636 of the Revised Statutes. Letters have been repeatedly written to the State authorities, urging that the required returns should be duly forwarded, without, however, receiving to any reasonable extent the object desired. The following is the statement showing "the aggregate number of the militia of the several States, respectively," according to the latest returns received at the office of the Adjutant General of the Army, furnished in answer to a resolution of the Senate of January 25, 1876:

States.	Aggregate organized force.	States.	Aggregate organized force.
Maine	823	Texas	1,276
New Hampshire	1,134	Arkansas	11,700
Vermont	626	Kentucky	4,930
Massachusetts	5,696	Ohio	4,830
Rhode Island	2,063	Michigan	1,084
Connecticut	3,448	Illinois	3,371
New York	19,413	Missouri	228
New Jersey	3,858	Wisconsin	1,737
Pennsylvania	10,369	Minnesota	160
Maryland	1,259	Iowa	2,619
Virginia	698	Kansas	1,938
South Carolina	6,949	California	2,548
Mississippi	655		
Louisiana	929	Grand aggregate	89,935

The States of Delaware, West Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, Indiana, Nebraska, Nevada and Oregon have made no returns.

IN MEMORIAM.

(From the Soldiers' and Sailors' Journal.)

[Read at the Annual Encampment of Pennsylvania Department, Grand Army of the Republic, Pittsburgh, January 28, 1876.]

Great Greece hath her Thermopylæ,
Stout Switzerland her Tell;
The Scot his Wallace-heart—and we
Have saints and shrines as well.
The graves of glorious Marathon
Are green above the dead,
And we have battle-fields whereon
The grass at root is red.

Not only in the grizzled past
Tingled heroic blood;
Not only were its swart sons cast
In knightly mold and mood;
Attar of sacrifice perfumed
Our hot, sulphuric air;
And Sidney's shining manhood bloomed
Around us everywhere.

Brands, regnant as the stainless sword
That graced King Arthur's thigh,
What time our battle-instincts stirred,
Flashed bare beneath the sky;
We felt the rowels of Honor prick
As keenly as did he
Who sowed his savage epoch thick
With perfect chivalry.

Cour-de-leons on every field,
Sweet saints in every home,
Through whose dear helping stood revealed
The joy of martyrdom—
Compassed by whose mourning loves,
Our comrades dared and died
As blithely as a bridegroom moves
To meet his glowing bride.

Though tears be salt, and wormwood yet
Is bitter to the taste,
God's heart is tender, and doth let
No sorrow fall nor waste.
O, mothers of our Gracchi! when
You gave your jewels up,
A continent of hopeless men
Grew rich in boundless hope.

Renown stands mute beside the graves
With which the land is scarred;
Unheralded our splendid braves
Went forth unto the Lord;
No poet hoards their humble names
In his immortal scrolls,
But not the less the darkness flames
With their illumined souls.

Beneath the outward havoc, they
The inward mercy saw;
High intuitions of duty lay
On them as strong as law:
Beyond the bloody horizon
They marked the soft rain's stored,
And heard Heaven's tranquil voices run
When Earth's fierce cannon roared.

O, little mounds that cost so much!
We compass what you teach;
And our worst grossness feels the touch
Of your uplifting speech.
You thrill us with the thoughts that flow
In Eucharistic wine—
And by our Holy Dead we know
That Life is still Divine.

RICHARD KRALP.

GENERAL AND PARTICULAR.

All men should live on fruit: the fruit of their industry.

A chippy Western editor has organized a new name for legislators, "acts grinders."

An exchange thinks Hendricks "goodly." Not at all. He is merely a sardine.

Bristow reminds "Garh" of "an ideally developed bull mastiff." With the bark off?

A hint for the Democratic leaders. The study of botany cured the idiocy of Aunt Pere.

To-day is the birthday of the Immortal George. His little hatchet is irrecoverably lost.

Women's debating clubs are becoming fashionable. This is "wasteful and ridiculous excess."

Edwin Booth is paid $500 per night by his manager Ford, who, however, can afford it well.

The Boston *Post* makes a very natural exclamation about the Republican party, by bleating "Bah!"

"Brass" is the latest successful dramatic sensation in New York. The article generally succeeds there.

The moated grange. They are endeavoring to introduce the Order of Patrons of Husbandry into England.

They are trying to discover a "reform" platform that has been lived up to, for exhibition at the Centennial.

The New York *Graphic* intimates that Winslow will lecture next winter. That's a cell. He will be debarred.

Frances Power Cobbe thinks that the age of real art has gone by, and that nothing is left of the ear but the coo.

San Francisco explodes with boasting because she now manufactures fire crackers instead of importing them from China.

Vast subterranean chambers, crowded with fossil relics, have lately been discovered in a chain of hills near Dubuque, Iowa.

Some French capitalists have built a steamship called the Frigorific, for the express propose of supplying Paris with American beef.

The public schools of all grades in all the large cities of the country will be represented at the Centennial. No thanks to the Catholic hierarchy, however.

The sea otters of Alaska, whose skins are far more valuable than seals, are being rapidly exterminated by indiscriminate slaughter. It otter be stopped.

Do you know that you can cure the toothache by dissolving half a drachm of bicarbonate of soda in an ounce of water, and holding the solution in your mouth?

From all over the country comes news of the danger to women patients who are subject to low-bred, brutal keepers in insane asylums. It is a national disgrace.

Definite statements as to the success of the various narrow gauge railroads in the country show that they are succeeding financially better than the average of railroads.

"Linked with one virtue and a thousand crimes." Winslow wants Massachusetts to remember how he served in the army and navy during the war of the rebellion.

Decorated cruelty. Statistics of a late feather sale in England show that to furnish material for that one sale at least 9,700 herons and 15,574 hummingbirds must have been killed.

The other day some one asked Blobbs' physician how early the education of a child should begin? He replied: "Twenty years before he is born." Good mothers make good children.

That was a sweet saying of the little child who turned from the corn popping at the kitchen fire and, seeing the snow, cried out, "Mother, come and see; the rain is popping out all white!"

The Ohio Grangers have organized a stock company to provide an encampment on the Centennial grounds, where food, bed-stalls, and other comforts of bucolic existence may be obtained cheaply.

Some New York philanthropists have provided a course of instructive and entertaining lectures for the shop girls of that city. This is a better argument for the divine origin of Christianity than a folio volume.

PERSONAL.

A rising young man. Probably the tallest living specimen of the human race is a young man from Alcocer, in Spain, who is twenty-six years of age, and nine feet ten and a half inches in height. He is named Augustin Luengs Capilla, and has lately been presented to the King of Spain.

Those who know Rubenstein, the great pianist and composer, will regret to hear the sad tidings that, on account of overwork, he has lost the sight of one eye, and the inflammation in the other is so great that the physicians fear they cannot save it. This is indeed a sad fate for the brilliant composer.

It is said that the father and sister of the murdered Sarah Alexander have expressed a desire to be present at the execution of Rubenstein. This may accord with the spirit of the Pentateuch, though it makes us shiver to think of "blood for blood;" but one would think that the death penalty might cover up revenge. Just a taste of the New Testament would take the bitterness out of that great sorrow.

A remarkable meeting was held at Hamilton, Ontario, last Saturday, composed of people from New York, New Orleans, San Francisco, Owen Sound, Chicago, St. Catharines, etc. These people claim to be heirs of Lord Mar, whose son died in Montreal or Chicago in 1840, while on the way to Scotland to claim property, since which time the will cannot be found. The case was placed in the hands of the Hon. Edward Blake, Minister of Justice for the Dominion. The best detectives have been engaged to help discover the will. The property is covered by the manufacturing town of Paisley, Scotland, and is supposed to be worth $100,000,000.

They tell this story of a Maine greenhorn, who recently made a visit to the Hub: Seeing a hotel sign, he entered and inquired the price of lodging. "One dollar," said the obliging clerk, handing him a pen and pointing to the register. "What am I do with this here pen?" said the rustic. "Why, put your name on the book," said the clerk, "and I will assign you a room at once." "Not as you knows on," said the young man from Maine, "you don't catch me. My father signed *his* name once onto a book, such as those 'ere patent-right fellows carry round—not high so big as that—and he had to pay $1,000. No, sir, 'ee, I ken pay my way, but I don't sign no note, you bet!"

STARTLING ENOCH ARDEN CASE.

A Son Marries his Father's Second Wife—The Father's Return and Subsequent Death.

At Silver's Station, this State, an exciting case has come to light. A real Enoch Arden affair was developed, and, the returning husband dying, the matter is expected to end satisfactorily. James Swingle was a wealthy farmer, and lived where he died, thirty-five years.

Twelve years ago his wife died and a year and a half afterward, being sixty years of age, he married a young woman who had lived in his family. She was twenty-two. He had six children by the first wife, all older than his second wife, and three of them married. Old Mr. Swingle was one of the most prominent men in the township, a devout member of church and a man generally respected.

In 1865 Mr. Swingle disappeared and was supposed to have been robbed, murdered and myst-eriously buried. Eighteen months afterward a skeleton was found in a deep forest near his house, and believing them to be his bones they were buried in the churchyard by the side of his first wife. A stone setting forth the circumstances connected with Swingle's death was placed at the head of the grave. An administrator of the estate of the deceased was appointed, and his property equally divided among the children. The homestead fell to the lot of the old farmer's widow, and the youngest son, also named James, continued to live there and superintend operations on the farm.

In 1869 he married the widow of his father, and the couple were living in unruffled ease with three children that had been born to them, when in the early part of last month the young farmer was given a letter at the village postoffice addressed "To any living member of the Swingle family." The letter was postmarked at Cleveland, Ohio. Opening the letter the farmer was astounded to find that it purported to be written by his father, long believed to be dead. It was as follows:

CLEVELAND, December 30.

I am very sick and penniless among strangers. I was on my way home when taken sick. Some of you come to me at once and I will explain all. I am at a sailor's lodging house by the lake.

JAMES SWINGLE.

The letter was written in a cramped and trembling hand, but it resembled specimens of the old farmer's writing of years ago.

He was visited and found in Cleveland. He was very ill with fever and became delirious soon after the arrival of his son, and was some days before he could be removed to better quarters. Three weeks passed before he was in condition to be taken home, and during that time he could be induced to say but little about his strange disappearance. He said that he left while under the influence of an impulse which he could not control, and after having about for a few days he was ashamed to return and resolved to go West with about $3,000 he had with him and invest it in some way, and after he had increased it sufficiently, to return home and surprise his family. He went to California and from there to Australia, where he made $115,000 in five years and came back to California, where he lost it all. Thinking this he was drawing near his death, he determined to return home and was taken sick with the fever at Cleveland. He refused to enter into any details of his ten years' absence until he recovered from his illness.

He was brought home, but he died a few days after his arrival. The son and stepmother were re-married after the funeral. The skeleton was that of a murdered trover.

STATE NEWS.

The Columbia County Agricultural Society will hold no fair this year.

Twelve men have been killed at the Centennial buildings in three months.

Mrs. Quigley, aged one hundred years, died in York county a few days ago.

A Pottstown baby has a father and mother aged eighteen and fifteen years respectively.

Jane Sanders, of Muncy, came near being burned to death on Tuesday, by her clothes taking fire.

Mr. Levi Bennet, for nearly a half century a prominent citizen of Easton, died on the 19th inst.

The *Valley Critic* is the name of a paper just started at Spring, Crawford county, by G. H. Cormick.

Conrod Griebbel, aged eighty-nine years, died at the house in Farmington township, Clarion county, last week.

The people of Phœnixville did not want a joker for their Burgess, and, therefore, defeated J. O. K. Roberts.

Noah Debolt, of Aleppo township, Greene county, died a few days since, in the eighty-fourth year of his age.

The Rev. J. N. Dick, for twenty-five years past pastor of the United Presbyterian church in Kittanning, has resigned.

Mrs. John Klase, of Snydertown, is the only lady ticket and freight agent in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

Jacob White died in Penn township, Lancaster county, on 16th inst., aged ninety-eight years, He leaves 202 descendants.

The oldest female in Lewisburg is Grandmother Lawshe, aged 91 years; next eldest is Grandmother Nicely, aged 89 years.

They want a new county formed of territory taken from Clinton, Clearfield, Cameron and Elk counties, with the county seat at Renovo.

Mrs. Jeremiah Cooper has been elected school director in Bart township, Lancaster county. It is expected she will make a staving good officer,

Eugene Woodin, of Granville Center, Bradford county, hauled his gun over a boy, muzzle first. Result, a funeral with Eugene in the hearse.

In Reading there have been sixty-five more deaths this year than during the corresponding period in 1875. Scarlet fever is carrying away many children.

Erie county contains eight Young Men's Christian Associations—two in Erie and one each at Albion, Elk Creek, Fairview, Girard and Wellsburg.

A new Baptist church is being built at Alder Run, in Jackson township, Tioga county. The railroad now in process of construction, will run within a mile of the church.

George R. Clark, of Pottstown, died suddenly on the 18th inst., of apoplexy. He was well known in that section as a newspaper correspondent, having made quite a reputation in that capacity through the columns of the Reading *Eagle*.

An emigant, Patrick Kelly by name, was arrested at Meadville on the 16th inst., he having shown signs of insanity, and placed in the lock-up. There he became violent and underclothing, with which he hung himself, and when discovered he was dead.

Mrs. Peter Houser, of Middletown, while walking from a shed to the dwelling house slipped and fell, breaking one of her legs above the ankle. The lady is between seventy and eighty years of age, and her recovery from the injuries sustained is doubtful.

Edwin Oakley was accidentally shot and killed by Lowell F. Miller, in Scott township, Luzerne county, on the 16th inst. They were out hunting, and in making their way through the thick brush Miller's gun was discharged, the contents entering Oakley's groin and severing an artery.

It is proposed to establish a university in Erie, on the basis of the combined property of the Erie Academy and the Marine Hospital. It will be known as the Tracy University, in honor of Mr. J. F. Tracy, who has signified his willingness to subscribe $50,000, or more, as an endowment fund.

Mike O'Conner, a tavern keeper of Wellsboro, Tioga county, was recently arrested and lodged in jail. He there made an unsuccessful attempt to commit suicide by cutting his throat. Afterward he drank some kerosene oil, besmeared his face and head with some of the same stuff, lighted a wick and placed it in his mouth. He was severely but not fatally burned.

A South Easton farmer threw some brandy soaked cherries into the yard where he kept a flock of geese. The geese ate heartily, and soon one by one toppled over. The farmer, thinking them dead, began to pluck their feathers. They then suddenly revived, and are now running about again. The geese had only been dead drunk. A Jimmy Blanchard of the Easton *Express* is responsible for this story.

Mr. B. B. Lehman, of Lebanon, has placed in the State Library the largest and oldest known line engraving of the Centennial city, called "Heap's Picture of Philadelphia," taken by George Heap, from the Jersey shore, under the direction of Nicholas Scull, first Surveyor General of the Province of Pennsylvania, during the reign of King George II. of England. The size of the picture is two feet by seven feet, colored and framed. Published by act of Parliament, at London, September 24, 1754.

A man named Rudacil was bitten in the arm by a mad dog on the 10th of January, at Georgetown, Northumberland county, but refused to allow any remedies to be applied. On Thursday last his arm commenced to swell up and pain him. He gradually got worse, until on Saturday he was unable to move his arm, his neck got stiff and his jaws were set. It was too late for medical attendance to be of any benefit, and his physician said he must die. His sufferings are described as fearful, and no hopes whatever are entertained of his recovery.

The Sunbury *American* says: A few weeks ago we referred to a mad dog passing through the lower end of this county, and biting a young man named Rudisill. It appears that the dog had bitten him in the fingers, inflicting but a very slight wound, so much so that Rudisill appeared but little concerned about it. About two weeks ago he complained of being stupid and refused to eat or drink. Dr. J. H. Heinsling was called in who pronounced it the first symptoms of hydrophobia, and at once prescribed the proper remedies. Mr. Rudisill, whenever they approached him with water, would struggle violently to repel and avoid it, and said the sight of it created a great hissing sound in his head, and his eyes would protrude and his veins would become so inflated that they almost burst. His sufferings were of the most painful character. Dr. Heinsling's remedies, however, soon took effect, and prevented spasms. We are glad to learn that the young man, though being greatly reduce from the effects of most powerful antidotes, is on a fair way of recovery.

OHIO NEWS.

Warren is without a police force.

Columbiana county is to have a new jail.

Horse thieves have been doing a lively business in Marion county lately.

John Cahill, of Delhi township, Hamilton county, celebrated his 102d birthday on the 14th inst.

A man in Jefferson tapped 100 sugar trees during the late "mild spell," the sap running freely.

A buckwheat cake contest between two boys and two girls of Mt. Vernon panned out a total of ninety-eight.

"Two thousand houses to let in Cincinnati," says the *Enquirer*, and seventy-five deaths per week by small-pox. Bad.

At Mark Center, a son of Robert McGee, aged seven years, had his hand chopped off by a son of Mr. W. A. Slough while they were playing together on Monday, February 14th.

The oldest reaping and mowing machine in Ohio, is in Washington county, and is to be sent to the Centennial. It has been in use nineteen years, and has cut over two thousand acres of grain and grass.

There are in Tallmadge forty-seven persons—twenty-four women and twenty-three men—who have lived in the place for half a century. Of this number the ages of forty-two range from seventy to eighty-three years.

The Zanesville *Signal* tells of a very remarkable cow, owned by Andrew Lyons, of High Hill, Muskingum county, whose cream becomes butter as it raises from the milk. It only requires to be skimmed and worked in the ordinary way. This cow is of the Durham breed, and is a heifer.

Mrs. Barbary Maurer, wife of William Maurer, of Perry township, Ashland county, died at her home, December 27, 1875, at the advanced age of one hundred years, four months and seventeen days. Mrs. Maurer was born in Reading, Pa., and came to what was then Wayne county in 1821, and settled near the present home of her husband.

A Suggestion to the Nervous.

Robust people who have, all their lives eaten, digested and slept well, can scarcely be expected to appreciate the blessing of strong nerves as well as those who, having undergone all the misery entailed by weak ones have eventually regained their nerve power. In order to experience the unmistakable relief of a change from an enfeebled and unrestful to a vigorous and tranquil condition of the nervous system, the nervous invalid should try a course of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. Under the bracing and soothing influence of that benign tonic and nervine, appetite returns, digestion becomes complete and painless, and sleep prevails every night. The causes of nervous weakness are to be found in imperfect digestion and assimilation, and in the feeble performance of other vital functions resulting therefrom. The Bitters remove these causes, as well as the nervous symptoms which they produce.

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The name or place of manufacture of the iron must be stated. Beams will be subject to inspection and test, and will be required to possess the stiffness of strength indicated in the published charts of the manufacturer.

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Proposals for Building a Dam on the Great Kanawha River, W. Va

U. S. ENGINEERS' OFFICE,
BALTIMORE, MD., February 12, 1876.

PROPOSALS FOR BUILDING A DAM on the Great Kanawha river, West Va., near Kanawha Falls, will be received until noon of MARCH 8, 1876, and opened immediately thereafter, in this office, at which time and place any information can be had on application at the office.

WM. P. CRAIGHILL, Major of Engineers.

Improvement of the Monongahela River.

U. S. ENGINEER OFFICE,
CINCINNATI, O., February 17, 1876.

SEALED PROPOSALS, IN DUPLICATE, will be received at this office until noon on the 20TH DAY OF MARCH, 1876, for the construction of a Masonry Dam, and for the removal of a Masonry Lock at Board's Rock, on the Monongahela river, 94 miles above Pittsburgh, and 85½ miles below Morgantown.

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Major Engineers.

LEGAL.

IN THE MATTER OF THE VOLUNTARY assignment of Hart, Caughey & Co., to D. T. Watson. In Common Pleas, No. 1, No. 457, June Term, 1875.

And now, February 12, 1876, first and partial account of D. T. Watson, Assignee of the firm of Hart, Caughey & Co., and William R. Hart and C. P. Caughey, presented in open Court, and confirmed nisi, and the Prothonotary is directed to give notice of the same by publication in the Pittsburgh Commercial and Evening Telegraph, for the next three weeks. And, unless on or before WEDNESDAY, March 8, A. D. 1876, exceptions be filed thereto, the same will be confirmed absolutely.

By the Court,
B. F. KENNEDY,
Prothonotary.

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FINANCE AND TRADE.

MONDAY EVENING, February 21, 1876.

Business of all kinds continues dull and money is abundant for borrowers in good standing. Mortgage loans of moderate amounts are in demand at about ten per cent. per annum.

—A general survey of trade interests reveals a somewhat hopeful, though not a confident feeling. It is certain that the people of the West will require to be newly supplied with the necessaries of life, and it is equally certain that with good crops they will have the means to purchase on an average scale. This is one of the first elements to be taken into consideration.

While an early improvement is to be looked for it is well to keep in mind that the days of "booming" and speculative prices have gone and are not likely to return during the present generation. Business henceforth will be on narrow margins, at lower prices and with greater economy in all departments. The shrinkage has been terribly hard on the public for the past two years, yet it was to be expected and can't be helped. Having danced we must pay the piper. Nothing, however, is more certain than that the trade and wealth of the nation must grow. A pause occurs every now and then to obtain the bearings, but it is simply a pause.

The capital of the nation is increasing, the country has a solid basis to build upon, and a prolonged course of retrenchment has prepared it to enter upon the work. If we could have the assurance that Congress would keep hands off the currency and the tariff for the next ten years it would have a good effect. Our business men can adapt themselves to almost any law if that law be stable. They could then carry on extensive enterprises under the same conditions upon which they were begun. Now they are at sea, and the uncertainty as to the tariff, the menace of compulsory resumption stands in the way of any advance. Remove this uncertainty and the result will be a rapid return to a healthy condition of business.

—A correspondent addresses the following to the editor of the New York *Tribune*, advocating silver as a legal tender for debts:

SIR: I perceive that the Director of the Mint proposes on the 1st of March to exchange silver coin for fractional currency. Why should he wait? The country is overrunning with silver and short of gold. I will venture to say that in one month after it begins the exchange there will be but little if any demand for silver, as people prefer to carry currency rather than silver in their pockets. In my opinion the only way we can resume is by Congress passing a law making silver a legal tender. It was so before 1837; why should it not be now? Before 1837 all transactions between banks and individuals in sports were in half dollars and Mexican dollars. An American gold piece was scarcely ever seen. As long as we continue to import so much more than we export we shall never be able to resume in gold. There is not nor can there be retained enough gold in the country to enable us to do so. All the countries of Europe now have gold coins, and therefore silver is almost ignored as a standard of value throughout Europe. By the account of the Director, the vaults of the United States are full of silver, and the mines are turning out thousands of dollars' worth daily. What good is it doing in the vaults? It might just as well be so much dirt. The Government cannot pay it out in large sums, because the people cannot take it unless they like, as it is not a legal tender. Therefore, I repeat, let a law be passed making it a legal tender, and then we shall have a steady advancing toward the desired end—resumption—without disturbing the industries of the country.

—In the New York *Post* we find the following new plan for resumption of specie payments suggested:

Among the various plans for a return to specie payments none has yet been proposed which does not threaten to produce more or less derangement in business matters; whereas the end should, if possible, be brought about quietly and gradually.

In order to make the transition from currency to specie without any appreciable disturbance of the business of the country, I propose that the Secretary of the Treasury be authorized to issue notes redeemable in gold one year after date, which notes shall be sold for greenbacks at the rate of four or five millions each month, the greenbacks being cancelled. If gold is at 115 the Secretary could sell his gold notes at from 109 to 110, the buyers being those who are hoarding gold, and the foreign banks and bankers, who would be glad to make three to four per centum on such security. The effect would be to draw gold to this country at once in exchange for these notes. This would be a great accommodation to the merchants, for instead of being obliged to sell their gold in advance at the time of payment of their obligations, they could buy gold notes at a discount from the price of gold and hold them until wanted to pay their debts. By this plan the Treasury could "retire" more greenbacks than they issued gold notes, but the contraction would be too slight to be severely felt; no gold would be called due for more than a year, and in the mean time the Treasury could provide the necessary funds to redeem the notes either by taxation or by using the money now taken for the sinking fund, and redeeming and cancelling the gold notes when presented. If, for instance, the Treasury sold four million gold notes each month it would be one year from the first notes came due, and it would be two years before the Treasury would be liable for forty-eight millions, but the tendency would be toward a lower premium on gold and by the time the greenbacks had been changed into gold notes we should probably find gold at or near par without any shock to the business of the country, and the holders of greenbacks would be as well satisfied to hold those as gold notes. The suggestion that the funds for the sinking fund should be used in this way is made, because it is the bonds bought by former Secretaries of the Treasury had been credited to the sinking fund, as should have been done, we would find that we are four or five years in advance of the requirements of the sinking fund.

—The following table shows the prices of gold, Government bonds, railway stocks, etc., at the various sessions of the New York Stock Exchange during the day, furnished by the Fifth National Bank, No. 16 Sixth street:

February 21, 1876.	10:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	1:30 P. M.	2:30 P. M.	3:00 P. M.
Gold	113¾	114	113¾	114	114
U. S. 6's—1881, coup.	123½	123¾	123½	123¾	123¾
U. S. 5's—1881	118	118	118	118	118
U. S. 5's—1885, new	120	119¾	120	119¾	119¾
U. S. 5's—1887, registered	122½	122¾	122½	122¾	122¾
U. S. 5's—1887	122½	122¾	122½	122¾	122¾
U. S. 6's—1881	118	118¼	118	118¼	118¼
10-40's—coupons	121½	121¾	121½	121¾	121¾
Currency 6's	127	127	127	128½	128½
New 5 per cents	119½	119¾	119½	119¾	119¾
Western Union Tel.	73¼	73⅝	73¼	73⅝	73⅝
Quicksilver	27	27	27	27	27
Pacific Mail	33¾	33¾	33¾	33¾	33¾
Panama	109		109½		
Adams Express	106		106½		
Wells-Fargo Express	88		88		
American Express	64½		64½		
United States Express	75½		75½		
New York Central	115¾	115¾	116	115¾	116
Erie	17	17¼	17¼	17⅜	17⅜
Michigan Central	44½	44¾	44¾	43¾	43¾
Michigan Southern	68¾	68	68¾	65⅝	65¾
Illinois Central	93		93¼	93	93
Cleveland & Pitts.	93¾		93¾	93¾	93¾
Chicago & Rock Island	44¼	44¼	44¼	43¾	43¾
Do. preferred					
Rock Island	109¼	109¼	109¾	109¾	109¾
St. Paul common	45	44¾	44¾	44¾	44¾
Do. preferred	79¾	79¾	79	79¾	79¾
Wabash common	8¾	8¾	8¾	8¾	8¾
Fort Wayne	102		102		102
Ohio and Mississippi	22½		22½		22½
Union Pacific	66¾				
Marion	14½		14½		
Hannibal and St. Joe	19¼		19¼		18¾
Atlantic & Pac. Tel., pref.					5¾
Iron Mountain	25		25		25
C., C. & I. common				8	8¼
Hannibal & St. Joe. pref.					32
Canada Southern	50		50		50
St. Paul Stock, Fund	23		23		23
Tennessee, old					

—The following is the report of the prices of leading stocks on the Philadelphia Stock Board, as received by wire at noon to-day:

Stocks.	Bid.	Asked.	Sales.
Pennsylvania Central	....	....	57¾
Reading	....	....	51⅝
United Co.'s of N. J.	....	....	141
Mil Creek	....	....	19¾
Lehigh Valley	....	....	63
Allegheny Valley	....	100	49¾
Central Transportation	....	....	49¾
" C. & St. L., m. b.	....	....	88

[By Associated Press.]

Gold Closed at 114.

MONEY.

NEW YORK, February 21.—Money 3@4 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3½@6 per cent. Customs receipts $587,000. The Assistant Treasurer disbursed $1,018,000. Clearings $23,000,000. Sterling firm at 486@490.

GOLD.

Gold opened at 113¾ and closed at 114. Carrying rates 3@4 per cent.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Government bonds firm and in good demand. Railroad bonds steady. State securities quiet. Stocks were dull and generally lower without special feature. Transactions only 71,000 shares, of which 23,000 were Western union, 11,000 Northwestern, 4,000 Rock Island, 900 St. Paul and 9,000 Lake Shore. To-morrow, Washington's birthday, being a legal holiday, all the exchanges have adjourned over to Wednesday and business will be suspended in financial circles. The following were the closing quotations:

STOCKS.

U. Telegraph	73¼	Toledo & Wabash	5
Pacific Mail	33¾	Do. preferred	15
Adams Express	106½	Chicago & Alton	101¼
Wells-Fargo Ex	88	Do. preferred	105
American Ex	64½	Terre Haute	5¾
U. S. Express	75½	Do. preferred	21
New York Central	115¾	Fort Wayne	102
Erie	17⅜	Ohio & Mississippi	21
Do. preferred	31	Burling'n & Quincy	113¼
Michigan Central	43½	Indiana Central	5
Do. preferred	134	Hannibal & St. Joe	18¾
Lake Shore	65¾	Atlantic & P. Tel.	30
Ft. Wayne	102	Delaware & Lack.	119¾
Chicago & Rock Island	43¾	Union Pacific stock	67
Illinois Central	93	Central Pac bonds	109½
Cleveland & Pittsburgh	93¾	Union Pac. bonds	105½
Pittsburgh	68¾	Do. land grants	101¼
Western Union	73¼	Mariposa	9¼
Quicksilver	27	Do. preferred	9
Do. preferred	44	Missouri Pacific	13¾

GOVERNMENTS.

U. S. coupons, 1881	122¾	New 5's	119¾
U. S. 5's, 1865	118	10-40's, registered	118½
U. S. 5's, 1865, new	119¾	10-40's coupons	121¼
U. S. 5's, 1867	122¾	Currency 6's	120½
U. S. 5's, 1868	122¾		

STATE BONDS.

Tennessee, old	46	Virginia, old	38
Tennessee, new	44	Missouri 6's	102½
Virginia, new	38		

LONDON, February 21, 5 P. M.—The amount of bullion withdrawn from the Bank of England on balance to-day was £20,000. Consols for money 94 1-16. United States bonds—5-20's, 1865, 105½; 1867, 106½; 10-40's, 106½; new 5's, 106¼.

PARIS, February 21.—Rentes 67 francs 20 centimes.

AMSTERDAM, February 21.—United States bonds—New 5's 101¾.

NEW ORLEANS, February 21.—Gold 113¾ asked; ½ premium. Sterling—Bank 5.16@5.15½; prime 5.15@5.14½.

GENERAL MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, MONDAY, February 21, 1876.

Trade opened up slowly. This, however, is no unusual occurrence for the first business day of the week. Buyers, however, were very anxious to invest, and the result was they were restricted to lots merely sufficient to present wants. The weather continues to improve; if it only holds out we may soon look for an increased activity in trade generally.

The following are the receipts of the leading articles of produce since our last:

Flour, bbls	3,070	Corn, bush	2,300
Wheat, bush	720	Barley, bush	2,500
Rye, bush	200	Oats, bush	230
Butter, pkgs	80	Bacon, pkgs	200
Potatoes, bush	793	Hay, bales	240

The quotations given in the following reports are prices realized in wholesale transactions, unless other wise specified. On small sales dealers will charge an advance. Prices of grain, unless stated to the contrary, are free in elevator.

Grain, Flour and Feed.

GRAIN—The demand for grain could not be called an active one. Still, taken as a whole, we see no particular reason to complain. The receipts were only moderate. This, however, is generally the situation the first day of the week. Wheat—Good descriptions were most sought for and command current rates, the offerings of which have been light for sometime past. The rates current for the various kinds are as follows: Wheat—Michigan white $1 40@1 45; Pennsylvania and Ohio red winter $1 36@1 36, being scarce and in demand. Northwestern red $1 28@1 40; low grades are dull and neglected at $1 16@1 22; rejected do 90@$1 10, as to quality. Corn is quiet, with light receipts at former prices. We quote new shelled at 54@55c for sound yellow; new ear 45@46c for mixed; 56@57c for choice yellow; old shelled in elevator is held at 62@63c. Oats were steady at about former quotations. We quote mixed Pennsylvania and Ohio at 49@51c; white do at 49@51c; Western white 42@46c; Kentucky do 46@48c. Rye—Canada is held at 80@81 25 ₱ bushel; choice spring at $1 18@1 20; common to prime $1 06@1 16; low grades nominal at 97½@$1 00. Rye quiet; a sale at 82c, held at 80@83c ₱ bushel. Job ing sales were made at the usual advance.

FLOUR—Dealers continue to report a steady jobbing demand, more particularly for favorite brands. The receipts were over 3,000 barrels. Stocks, however, are not accumulating. The rates current are from mills: No. 1 white wheat flour $7 25 ₱ bbl; No. 1 amber do $7 25@7 50; wheat flour $6 75@7 00; No. 2 do $6 00@6 50. The jobbing prices for the leading dealers for standard brands of flours are steady as follows: Choice brands of winter wheat flour $7 00@7 75; white wheat $7 50@7 75; Minnesota $7 50@8 75; fancy St. Louis $8 25@8 50; choice brands $8 50@9 00. Rye flour is quiet but steady at $5 00@5 25. Graham flour $4 50@5 75; self raising flour, in 6 ₱ packages, $4 25 ₱ dozen; in packages, commeal 50c per bushel carried. $6 25 ₱ bbl; kegs $3 50. Rye flour $5 00@5 25 ₱ bbl. Buckwheat flour 2½@3c ₱ lb.

HAY—The supply was fully up with the demand. Prices are reported weak but are not quotably lower. For baled the present rates are: Upland prairie $10 00@13 00 per ton; timothy $16 00@18 00, as per quality and condition.

FEED—The receipts have been light, producing a firm market. In second hands they are without change. The present quotations are: Bran $14 00@15 00 ₱ ton; seconds and shipstuffs $16 00@18 00; middlings and chopped feed $18 00@24 00 per ton, as to quality. Oil meal $40 00@43 00 ₱ ton.

Country Produce.

APPLE BUTTER—The market was steady with a fair jobbing demand, so far as prices are concerned we have no change to note, viz: 60@70c per gallon.

APPLES—The stock in first hands is becoming less heavy with light storage to operate with. We quote nominally at $3 50@3 60@4 50 per barrel as per quality and condition.

CIDER—The receipts have been noted continues. Stocks in first hands are very light with but few arrivals. We quote choice Ohio factory 12½@13c; New York do 11@12c; Switzer 13½@14c; Limberger 14@15@16c ₱ lb, as to quality.

DRIED FRUITS—We have to report a dull market, with more sellers than buyers. Apples—Prime bright quarters 9@10c; sliced, 10@11c. Peaches—Halves 12@13c; peeled 19@21c. Blackberries 14c. Huckleberries 15@16c. Raspberries 30@32c. Cherries, pitted 25@28c; unpitted 8@9c per ₱.

EGGS—As usual on Monday the receipts were liberal by river and rail. The rates current on the wharf are 15c with sales of 5,000 dozen.

HOMINY—The supply exceeds the demand. We quote nominally at $3 75@4 00 ₱ barrel.

HONEY—New domestic honey is steady at 25 @30c ₱ lb. California is dull at 20@25c.

HORS—In sluggish demand for present use only. Prices are quite depressed. Choice 1875's rule at 15@20c ₱ lb, while mediums have no fixed value. Prices are very uncertain.

MIXED MEAT—The sales are quite active. Prices are very unsettled.

NUTS—The market was devoid of animation. Dealers are purchasing moderately at the following: Pea nuts are in fair request at very low prices; prime white Tennessee nuts rule at 6@6½c, according to quality; Virginia 7½@8c; shellbarks are steady at $1 25@1 50 ₱ bushel; walnuts depressed at 2@40c ₱ bushel; hazel nuts $3 50@4 00 per bushel.

POTATOES—The market contains an ample supply. Prices are weak and very unsatisfactory. We quote nominally on the wharf at 30@35c per bushel.

POULTRY—Is in fair demand. The offerings for some days have been light. We hear of sales of dressed chickens at 13@14c per ₱; turkeys 16@17c; live chickens 45@50c per pair by coop.

TALLOW—We quote chandlers, city rendered, 6½@6¾c ₱ ₱; country 5@5½c.

VEGETABLES—Onions are in large stock and slow. We quote at $1 25@1 50 ₱ barrel; Dried green peas are quoted at $1 65@1 75 ₱ bushel. Turnips 35@45c ₱ bushel. Beets 45@50c ₱ bushel. Parsnips 60@70c ₱ bbl.

ALES—In good supply. We quote city brands at $3 00 ₱ barrel for bottled, and $2 50@3 00 for common XX ale; $10 00; India ale $11 00; half-barrel in proportion.

SEEDS—The market was not a very active one. We quote clover seed at $9 00@9 25; timothy $2 65@2 85 ₱ bushel.

DRESSED HOGS—The season is about over. Prices are too unsettled to quote.

RACE-MARKET—Any fair demand for sales in a regular way at 3c for good washed.

VINEGAR—Market well supplied. We quote cemmon stock 15@20c ₱ gallon; cider city make No. 2) at 15c ₱ gallon with pay for barrels.

Provisions.

The firmness we have before noted has been maintained and a further advance has been adopted.

Hams, Extra Sugar Cured, ₱ lb	14¼	Lard, Prime Leaf in ¼ bbls., ₱ lb	14
Shoulders, Extra Sugar Cured, ₱ lb	10½	Lard, Prime Leaf in tierces, ₱ lb	14¼
Breakfast Bacon, Extra Sugar Cured, ₱ lb	14¼	Lard, Refined in ¼ bbls., ₱ lb	15½
Dried Beef, Extra Sugar Cured, ₱ lb	14¼	Lard, Refined in ½ bbls., ₱ lb	15¼
Beef Tongues, Extra Sugar Cured, ₱ doz	15	Lard, Refined in 1 bbls., ₱ lb	17
Bacon Shoulders, ₱ lb	8¼	Lard, Refined in 5 ₱ lb pails, ₱ lb	17
Bacon, Short Rib Sides, ₱ lb	13	Lard, Refined in 5 ₱ lb pails, ₱ lb	17
Bacon, Clear Rib Sides, ₱ lb	13¼	Lard Oil, Extra Winter Strained	67
Mess Pork, ₱ bbl	23 00	Lard Oil, Miners' Winter Strained	67
Family Mess Pork, about 25 pieces in bbl, ₱ bbl	23 00	Carbon Oil, Standard White, ₱ gal	13
Short Cut Mess Pork, about 50 pieces in bbl, ₱ bbl	23 00	Cheese, Prime New York	
Lard, Prime Leaf in tierces, ₱ lb	13¼	Goshen, ₱ lb	14
		Pigs' Feet, ¼ bbls	2 60
		Pigs' Feet, ½ bbls	4 75
		Pigs' Feet, 1 bbl	9 50

Groceries.

The demand is slowly improving but there is ample room. The latest quotations are as follows:

Green Coffees.	₱ lb.	*Sugars.*	₱ lb.
Fancy Rio	24	c Standard A	10¼c
Choice Rio	23	c Standard A	10¼c
Prime Rio	22	c Do. extra C	10 c
Good Rio	21	c Extra C—yel.	9¾@9¾c
Ordinary Rio	20	c C—yellow	8½c
Java	32	c Franklin, B	9¼c
Roasted Coffees.		Cut Loaf	12 c
Rio, in papers	24@25½c	Crushed	12 c
20 grades do.	23¼@25½c	Powdered	11¾c
Rio, in bulk	23 c	Granulated	11 c
Java, in papers	33½c	Good Soft A. N. O	8¼c
Java, in bulk	33 c	Fully do	8¼c
Teas.		Prime do	8¼c
Young Hyson	45c@$1 00	Choice fair do	8 c
Gunpowder	50c@ 1 10	White clarified do	10 c
Imperial	50c@ 90	*Molasses.*	₱ gall.
Japan	40c@ 85	Str'y ch. N. O.	60@65c
Oolong	25c@ 1 00	Fancy do	55@60c
Fancy	1 00	Good do	45@50c
Souchong	35c@ 75	*Syrups.*	
Starch.	₱ lb	Ex. white drips	70c
Pearl	4½@5c	Sugar drips	60c
Silver gloss	7½@8c	Lower grades	35@50c
Corn	10½@	*Spices.*	
Rice.		Cloves	55 c
Choice Carl'n	7¼@8 c	Allspice	17 c
Patna	6@8 c	Cassia	35@35 c
Rangoon	7 c	Nutmegs	@1 25
Louisiana	6¾@7 c	Pepper	19@20 c
Soda.		*Soaps.*	
Bi-carb, in kegs	5 c	Irish soap, ₱ box	@4 25
Bi-carb, in 10-lb pkgs	5½@5¾c	S. Star, ₱ box	5 75
Bi-carb, in 5 papers	7 c	Babbitt's best, ₱ box	6 75
Candles.		St. Patrick do	6 75
Star, full weight	17¼c	Do. N. York City, ₱ box	5 25
Stearine	13½c	German mottled do	7¼c
Mould	11@12 c		

TOBACCO—The current rates are as follows:

Manufactured—			
Spun roll	60@63c	Smoking—Granulated	50@75c
Black Navy	50@56c	*Leaf Tobacco—*	
Black Tens	53@56c	Western leaf—Inferior wrappers	15@20c
Louisville Navy	50@55c	Western leaf—Ings	9@12c
Louisville Cav	60@70c	Virginia Navy	53@56c
Virginia Navy	53@56c	Virginia Tens	53@56c
Virginia Tens	53@56c	Virginia Cav	53@56c
Virginia Cav	53@56c	Ohio seed fillers	9@12c
Double Tuck	60@65c	Conn. (choice) wrapper	60@70c
Flounders	60@75c	Conn. filler	12@15c
Bright pounds	63@	Conn. fillers	12@15c
Black Quarters	53@56c	Havana wrap	125@250
Rough & Ready	65@85c	Havana fillers	95c@$1 25
Fine Cut plugs	70@80c	*Cigars—*	
Fine Cut	55@65c	Penn'a. seed	@15@ 20
Cut and Dry	33@42c	Connecticut	25@ 30
Seven Sealed	55@75c	Seed & Havana	30@ 35
Black Snuff	60@65c	Havana	@1 60

Petroleum.

February 21.—The market opened very strong at $1 95 for Conduit and United, and $1 93¾ for Union. Soon after opening it became quite active for a time, and advanced to $1 96@$1 97½. A temporary reaction, however, took place just before noon, in which prices receded to $1 93¾. In the afternoon it regained its tone and advanced to $1 95 bid, at which it continued to the end. It is becoming evident that the reported hammering of the brass has at last brought about a considerable short interest, and as the market during the last days of that week exhibited so much of an undertone of strength, the short element is growing apprehensive and becoming anxious to cover.

The European and seaboard markets exhibit a somewhat better feeling with more inquiry, but with no change of price as yet.

Shipment oil was considerably more active to-day than on Saturday at $2 10 bid. Sales and receipts 181,000 barrels.

REFINED—The market was a quiet one. Buyers and sellers were both indifferent about operating. We quote nominally on cars at 12½@13¾c. At New York refined was a trifle better, with sales at 13¾c for shipment. At Philadelphia it was dull and white was quoted at 13¾c. At Baltimore it is quoted at 13¾c.

[By Western Union Telegraph.]

TITUSVILLE, February 21.—The *Herald* says: The crude petroleum markets of the region were not characterized by any points of material interest. United at wells opened at $1 93½ and declined to $1 90, at which figure there were few sales. The closing quotations at 9 P. M. were:

	Bid.	Asked.
Upper creek	$2 00½	$2 00¾
United, at wells	1 93½	1 93
Union, at wells	1 93½	1 93
Pennsylvania, at wells	1 83½	1 85
P. P. certificates	2 05	2 07½
Conduit, at wells	1 93½	1 95
Karns, at wells	1 83½	1 85
Grant, at wells	1 83½	1 85
Relief, at wells	1 83½	1 85
Oil City	2 07½	2 08¾
Lower creek	2 07½	2 08¾

Total sales 121,000 barrels.

OIL CITY, February 21.—The *Derrick* says: The opening price of United at wells was $1 93¾, at which the principal part of the business was done, though a few sales were reported at $1 93⅝. This was the lowest point of the day. The bulk of the business in the afternoon was at $1 93½@1 93¾, with a few sales at about two o'clock at $1 93¾. Just before the close of the Exchange an agent of a leading refining house purchased a small lot at $1 91¾, which tended to inspire dealers with increased confidence, and in the evening reports of United certificates, dated Monday, sold in a moderate way at $1 93¾@1 95. For Conduit at the close $1 93¾ was bid, but buyers appeared to be but little in the market. Shipment 82,05 @2 07½. Total sales and shipments 90,000 barrels.

NEW YORK, February 21, closing 19.—Petroleum is held a trifle better. Figures are in sympathy with the creek without important export movement. Crude in bulk is quoted at 7½c; 105c in shipping order; refined 13½c; cases 19½@21c; naptha 9¼@10c. At Bal timore refined is quoted at 13¾c; at Philadelphia 13¾c.

PARKERS, February 21.—Market closed firm Saturday with an upward tendency at $1 92¼ bid for United. Opened this morning at $1 93¾ bid for United; at 10:30 A. M. $1 93¾ was bid for United; $1 95 for Union; market firm; shipment nominally $2 10.

PARKERS, February 21.—Later—Sales of United this morning at $1 95@1 96¼; bid now 1 96¼; asked. Shipment nominal with no demand; seller asking $2 05@2 07½. Market unsettled.

PITTSBURGH, February 21.—Market quiet; standard white 135c; crude 8c; cases 17½@. No sales. No inquiry for naptha.

TITUSVILLE, February 21.—Market nominal at $2 07½.

OIL CITY, February 21.—Market opened excited and advanced to $1 98¾, but declined rapidly to $1 93¾, which is now bid for United at wells; immediately after shipment $2 10; Conduit at wells $1 95 bid.

ROUSEVILLE, February 21.—Market quiet but steady; quoted at $2 00@2 02½.

TIDIOUTE, February 21.—Market quiet at $2 10@2 12½.

[By Associated Press.]

NEW YORK, February 21.—Petroleum firm; crude 8c; refined 13¾c. Cases 19¼@21c.

PHILADELPHIA, February 21.—Petroleum—Crude in barrels 10½c; refined 13¾@13¾c.

LONDON, February 21.—Refined petroleum 13¾@10d; spirits do 8¾@9d.

ANTWERP, February 21.—Refined petroleum 28 francs.

CLEVELAND, February 21.—Petroleum steady and unchanged; demand good; shipments to-day 10,000 barrels. Refined 13¾c.

CINCINNATI, February 21.—Petroleum steady and unchanged; demand good; shipments to-day 10,000 barrels. Refined 13¾c.

Chicago.

CHICAGO, February 21.—Cattle—Receipts since Saturday 4,500 head. Market dull; sales cannot be made at 25@50c lower than Saturday's rates; nearly nominal; only butchers' sold. Shipments 8,50 head.

HOGS—Receipts 12,000 head. Buyers holding off; prices 5@10c lower; sales of packing at $7 5@8 20; fancy grades $8 00; shipping for the past Philadelphias held at $8 75@8 85. Market closed dull. Shipments 3,800 head.

SHEEP—Receipts 2,000 head. Market nominally unchanged.

Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, February 21.—Cattle—Market dull this week and prices in favor of buyers; 2,500 head arrived and sold at $7 00@7 75 for extra Pennsylvania and Western steers; $5 50@6 50 for fair to good do, and $1 00@5 00 for common, as to quality.

Receipts: 12,00 head sold at $1 00@7 00, as to condition.

Hogs—Receipts 5,000 head sold at $7 00@8 00, latter rate for prime cornfed.

St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, February 21.—Hogs firm; York ers $7 00@8 00; packing $6 80@7 80; butchers $7 45@8 45.

Cattle—Slow except to choice native shipping steers $4 75@5 00; fair to choice native cows $3 75@4 00; native stockers $2 50@4 75; feeders $3 00@4 50.

Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, February 21.—Hogs dull; common to good at $7 40@8 00; fair to good $8 00@8 25; fair to good packing $7 80@8 00; light shipping $8 00@8 35; receipts 1,000 head; shipments 1,000 head.

IRON MARKETS.

BOSTON.

February 19.—Pig is still very slow, but holders continue taking more confidently, and at the same time exercising extreme caution in their credit lines. No 1 quotes at $38 00@39 00, No. 2 $35 00@36 00, forge $31 00@ 32 00.

Bar is easy at $2 90 as a jobbing price, with a good line of trade continuing to come in from the Connecticut Valley points. The receipts are light. The interest of the week is in the probable new comes scale, which is to be decided upon the coming week. The proposition is to make the rate $4 50 instead of $5 00 a ton.—*Commercial Bulletin.*

Pork Packing.

[Cincinnati Price Current, February 18.]

At the six cities, for the first time in several weeks, the receipts of hogs are falling off as compared with the corresponding period of last year, our figures showing the deficiency now to be 25,000, as compared with 19,000 a week ago. The total receipts of hogs to-day at the six cities will show a falling off of about 200,000 as compared with last year. We see no reason for putting the shortage of the hog crop for the season, including Western and Eastern packing, at less than 1,000,000 in number as compared with last year, as suggested by some weeks ago.

A dispatch from Milwaukee calls the season practically closed at that point; average net weight 209 pounds; last year it was 240 lbs; average yield of last 33 pounds against 31.0 last year. At St. Louis, weight 33 pounds gross and 30 net; last about 4 pounds per hog more than last year.

In this city there is now very little packing being done. The quality indicates a large trouble of topping of stock to make prices. The average of hogs coming in is very poor. The week at the United Railroads Stock Yards, 24 pounds.

Outside of Chicago, Indianapolis is now packing more actively than any other point, and will be the only one of the large cities to exceed last year's record.

The table which we present below shows the aggregate receipts of hogs to January 1 at leading packing points in the West, as shown by telegraph and latest mail dates and estimates since, from which it will be seen the comparisons with two preceding seasons:

	To Feb. 17, 1876.	Same dates, 1875.	1874.
Cincinnati	522,000	530,000	575,000
Chicago	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,400,000
St. Louis	315,000	440,000	455,000
Louisville	225,000	274,000	225,000
Milwaukee	200,000	200,000	200,000
Indianapolis	302,000	267,000	275,000
Total	3,000,000	3,280,000	3,330,000

All sizes over 52 inches in length, and not making 84 united inches, will be charged in full for 84 inches breadth.

CORDAGE AND ROPE—The demand was fair. Prices are as follows:

MANILLA ROPE.

	Per pound.
¼ inch diameter and upward	14½c
⅜ inch diameter and upward	15½c
¼ and 5-16 inch diameter	15½c
Tarred rope and lathe yarn	12½c
Hay, stave and leather twine	19½c

OIL WELL DRILLING CABLES.

Hawser laid	14½c
Hawser laid, extra rope yarns	13½c
Sand pump rope	14½c

SISAL ROPE.

¼ inch diameter and upward	11½c
⅜ inch diameter	12½c
½ and 5-16 inch diameter	12½c
Hay, spoke and leather twine	12½c

NEW ZEALAND ROPE.

¼ inch diameter and upward	11½c
⅜ inch diameter	12½c
½ and 5-16 inch diameter	12½c
Hay twine	12½c
Tarred lath twine	11½c

CANNED GOODS.

The following are the current rates:

2 ₱ Bartlett pears	$3 00	2 ₱ blackberries	@2 50
2 ₱ common pears	2 00	2 ₱ blueberries	@2 00
2 ₱ pineapple	2 00	2 ₱ white cherries	2 75
2 ₱ peaches	2 00	2 ₱ red cherries	2 75
2 ₱ raspberries	2 75	2 ₱ gooseberries	1 50
2 ₱ strawberries	2 00	2 ₱ green gages	3 00
2 ₱ Egg plums	2 00	2 ₱ red plums	2 00
2 ₱ string beans	1 50	2 ₱ damson plums	2 50
2 ₱ Winslow's corn	1 75	2 ₱ peaches	2 00
2 ₱ peas	2 25	3 ₱ peaches	2 25
3 ₱ tomatoes	1 05	3 ₱ pie peaches	1 75

Forgus Factory.—No fair demand for prices, however, are without change. We quote as follows: Raisins—Layers, new, ₱ box, $3 25; London layers, ₱ gallon, $4 50; clusters new, 11¼@12c ₱ lb. Sultanas 18c. Dates, 9½@10c ₱ ₱. Currants 5½@ 6½c. Prunes 7¼@8½c. Almonds—Languedoc 25c; do shelled 38c; do Princess 37c; do Jordan 50c; do Ivica 28c. Walnuts—Naples 20c; Marbot 17c; Sicily filberts 15c. Smyrna figs 18@20c. Brazil nuts 12c. Macaroons 18@20c. Cocoanuts $7 00. Lemons—Messina, ₱ box, $7 00. Cocoanuts $7 00 per hundred.

WOODEN WARE—The following are the present rates:

No. 1 tubs ₱ dozen	$7 50
No. 2 tubs ₱ dozen	6 00
No. 3 tubs ₱ dozen	5 50
2-hoop pails ₱ dozen	1 70
3-hoop pails ₱ doz. in	2 00
Glove washboard ₱ dozen (patented)	2 25
I. X. L. washboards ₱ dozen	2 25
Iron City washboards ₱ dozen	1 75

BROOMS—The following are the current rates of Union brooms:

Patent screw ferule carpet	$ 4 25
No. 4 extra parlor	4 25
No. 4 carpet	4 00
No. 3 carpet	3 75
No. 6 hurl, 4-string, first quality	3 50
No. 6 hurl, 3-string, first quality	3 00
No. 4 hurl, 3-string, first quality	2 50
No. 3 hurl, 2-string, first quality	2 25
No. 4 hurl, 3-string, second	2 00
No. 4 stock braid, 3-string	2 25
No. 5 varnished handles, hurl	2 75
No. 4 varnished handles, hurl	2 50
No. 2 common	2 00
No. 3 shakers	2 00
Tiny brooms	1 25@1 50
Tow whisk brooms	1 25@1 75

HIDES—Dealers report a dull market, prospect, however, for an early improvement is favorable.

Green salted cows	7½c
Green salted steers, light	8c
Green salted steers, heavy	7½c
Green salted calf	11@12 c
Green butcher cows	6 c
Green butcher steers, light	7 c
Green butcher steers, heavy	8 c
Green butcher calf	10 c

LEATHER—We have nothing new to report in regard to this article. The demand is slow

CITY MATTERS.

For eighty-five cents per month the DAILY COMMERCIAL will be mailed to travelers or to subscribers who are temporarily absent from Pittsburgh. The address of the paper will be changed as often as is desired.

Local Observations.

OFFICE OF THE OBSERVER, U. S. SIG. SERV., Room 23, First National Bank Building, PITTSBURGH, PA., February 21, 1876.

Time.	Bar.	Th'r.	Hum	WIND. Dir.	Force.	Weath.
7 A. M.	29.70	33	69	N. E.	Gentle	Cloudy
2 P. M.	29.74	50	40	S.	Gentle	Cloudy
9 P. M.	29.83	47	77	W.	Fresh.	Lt rain

Mean barometer...29 .954 Highest thermo n.....52
Mean thermon..... 44 .2 Lowest thermo n.....36
Rainfall.....01

Death from Heart Disease.

About nine o'clock last evening, at the Thirtieth street, South Side, station of the Ormsby Passenger Railway, a driver named George Colligan dropped to the ground and expired in a few minutes. A physician was called and after examination he pronounced the cause of death to be heart disease. An inquest will doubtless be held to-day by the Coroner.

Fatal Result.

Matthew Long, who was stabbed Sunday morning, at No. 101 Mulberry alley, by Patrick Ferry, died of his injuries at eleven o'clock A. M. yesterday. The Coroner empanneled a jury yesterday, after which an adjournment to this morning, at ten o'clock, took place, at which time the matter will be fully investigated. The details of the murder were published in yesterday's COMMERCIAL.

Suit for Damages.

Suit was brought yesterday, in Common Pleas No. 1, by Wm. S. Lee against Lieutenants W. A. Tyre and George Johnston, and Patrolmen Young and Coldeigh, for damages for false arrest, etc. The complainant was proprietor of the Adelphi Theater, on Third avenue, and the defendants, he alleges, entered his house on the night of January 13, arrested him and several others. Damages are laid in $2,000. The defendants were arrest d on *capias*, and gave bail in $500 each.

Garroted and Robbed

Mr. Henry Brown, who works at Riter's steel works, in the Ninth ward, Allegheny, left that establishment for his home, on Washington street, Saturday evening. He stopped in a beer saloon, on Beaver avenue, where, in paying for a glass of beer, his money was displayed in presence of a couple of colored men, who followed Mr. Brown as far as Franklin street, when they seized and dragged him into an alley, and rifled his pockets of about forty-five dollars. No arrests.

Slight Fires.

The alarm from station 82, Thirteenth ward School House, Center avenue, about half-past six o'clock last evening, was occasioned by a slight fire in the residence of Moses Ditcher on Meadow avenue. The frame work of a cupboard was slightly damaged, igniting from a defective flue.

The alarm from station 138, Fourteenth and Manor streets, was occasioned by the burning of soot in a chimney in a house on the hillside.

Train Clerks.

The new system of train clerks went into operation on the Pennsylvania Central Railroad yesterday. The duties of these clerks is to lift all tickets and collect all cash and moneys which hitherto have been paid to the conductors, make out a statement of the moneys received, the number of passengers carried and the number of tickets lifted, so that the managers of the road can have a thorough knowledge of the business done by each train daily. The conductors will have full charge of the trains, but will not lift any tickets nor receive any fares. The road has been made into two divisions, the western division extending Pittsburgh and the eastern from that city to Philadelphia. All train clerks from Harrisburg west settle at this city, and those from this city settle at Harrisburg. The conductors express themselves as entirely satisfied with the arrangements, as they will be relieved of much of their labor. The train agents will be under instruction of the commissioners on the various trains until March first, when they will fully assume the duties and responsibilities of their position. About one hundred and fifty have been employed.

Convention of Educators.

Last week a convention of educators was held at the State Normal School, Indiana, Indiana county, to consult upon a plan for the management of the school most conducive to the educational interests of Western Pennsylvania. There were present from this city Prof. Luckey, Superintendent Prof. Allison, and C. A. Kehew, Secretary of the Central Board. Deputy State Superintendent Houck and quite a number of the County superintendents of the State were also present.

The convention was in session two days, the Faculty entertaining the visitors in the college building, and the opinions of those present were noted by the secretary, with the object of adopting a course of study needful to the schools of Western Pennsylvania, and which will answer as a liberal, practical education to the students of all the common schools of Western Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh in particular.

Resolutions were adopted unanimously recommending to all teachers the superior merits of the school, and expressing the opinion that the buildings and facilities afforded at this institution are unsurpassed.

The Temperance Alliance.

The weekly meeting of the Temperance Alliance was held yesterday, Mr. Finly in the chair.

A report was presented by the Committee on Inquiry into the legality of the recent elections to determine the question that the townships of East and West Deer, Pine, Richland, North and South Fayette, Killbuck, North Versailles and Harrison. The report stated that the election had been legal, being in accordance with a special act passed by the Legislature two years ago. In five of the townships named the Prohibitionists were gainers.

Discussion followed on the project of establishing temperence restaurants, after which Mr. J. J. Calhoun, of Homestead, made an attack on a reporter, claiming that his report of the last meeting of the Alliance was libelous, filthy, a currilous, dirty, etc.

The following announcement was read:

The fourth anniversary meeting of the Temperance Alliance will be held in the Third Presbyterian Church, Sixth avenue, Pittsburgh, to-day. The morning session will begin at 10½ o'clock A. M. Reports will be read, business transacted and addresses delivered by the Rev. T. M. Hitler and others, bearing especially upon past work. At two and a half o'clock P. M., a children's jubilee meeting, to be addressed by Rev. E. B. Snyder and Master J. F. Smith, of Cleveland (known as the "Boy Speaker"). Prof. Horner will lead the vocal exercises. At half-past seven o'clock P. M. will be the closing meeting, when the addresses will be especially upon our present and future work. Rev. D. D. Babcock, of Philadelphia, and others, will deliver addresses.

Adjourned.

THE IRON WORKERS.

The Question of Price for Boiling Undecided.

It will be remembered that at a meeting of representatives of the iron manufacturers and Boilers' Union, held on the evening of the 12th inst., to discuss the question of a reduction of the wages of the latter, the following agreement was entered into:

As far as their trade will warrant the mills will continue in operation. The price for boiling for the present shall be suspended. The Conference Committee shall meet again on Monday, February 21, at 7 o'clock P. M., and a price shall then be agreed upon it shall date from February 14. Should the conference, however, fail to agree upon a fixed price, all work done in the meantime shall be at $4 75 per ton.

For the manufacturers,
H. W. OLIVER, JR.

For the boilers,
JOSEPH BISHOP.

Pursuant to this action a further meeting was held last evening, privately, but no decision was reached. The conference adjourned to meet next Monday evening.

CITY MATTERS IN BRIEF.

MESSRS T. B. and Seymour Atterbury and Daniel Wenke, of the South Side, are on a trip East.

FOR abusing his family Jacob Walters was yesterday retired to Claremont for sixty days, by Mayor Phillips.

PETITIONS are in circulation, and are being numerously signed, asking the Legislature to pass the bill increasing the jurisdiction of aldermen in civil cases to $300.

THE Hutchinson battery, Captain Reck, will fire a National salute at twelve M., to-day (Washington's Birthday), on Duquesne Way, just beyond the suspension bridge.

THE Allegheny thieves are increasing in boldness, "carring the war into Africa," as it were. Three hats were stolen last night from the Public Library, in the City Building.

JOHN NEELAND is wanted at the Mayor's office to answer to charges of assault and battery preferred by Thomas Keefer, who alleges that he was struck by a brick thrown by John.

THE ladies of Grace Presbyterian Church will give a jubilee festival, commencing this evening, to continue Wednesday and Thursday evenings, at their church, on Arthurs street.

THE Erie *Dispatch* of yesterday says: Louis Brechbuhl and Boehm, the famous tenor and baritone singers of Pittsburgh, who are to take part in the opera of "Stradella" at the Opera House this evening, are in the city.

SOME twenty-eight employees in the rolling department of the American Iron Works "struck" yesterday against a reduction of wages. This action threw some five hundred other employees out of work. An amicable adjustment of the difficulty is probable.

MR. JOSEPH L. LOWRY, Mechanical Engineer of the new Water Works, after a revision of his figures, finds that in order to get water into Hiland avenue during the present season it will require an appropriation of $200,000. The data is for the use of the members of the Legislature.

OMORO, who was shot last Friday night, at Shults' tavern, on the Brownsville road, six miles from the city, by Samuel Stewart, is pronounced by the attending physician to be in a critical condition. The shot took effect in the region of the heart. Stewart was still at large at last accounts.

JOHN A. GRINER is charged with malicious mischief before Mayor McCarthy. He is charged with annoying Superintendent Wyland, of 409 Carson street, by putting the words "Wyland is a fool" on his door, defacing the steps and otherwise continually acting in a manner against the peace of the commonwealth. Held for a hearing.

MAJOR GEORGE A. WILLIAMS, Chairman Armstrong County Republican Committee, was in town yesterday. His capable, energetic and successful management of the hard-fought campaign in that county, last fall, will be long remembered. Major Williams deserves excellently well at the hands of the stanch Republicans of old Armstrong.

THE mortuary report from the Allegheny health authorities shows a total of 14 deaths in that city during last week, from the following causes: Cerebro-spinal meningitis, 1; consumption, 1; convulsions, 1; cyanopathy, 1; scarlet fever, 1; acute hepatitis, 1; hydrocephalus, 1; whooping cough, 1; puerperal pyemia, 1; pneumonia, 3; general debility, 1; still born, 1. Of the number 9 were males, 9 females, and 2 colored.

CAPTAINS W. F. ALLY, W. H. Markle, J. M. Osborne, L. T. Browne, T. D. Wilkins, Lieutenants James Petrie, A. J. Slagle, Wood Mc-Knight, Joseph B. Eaton and Sergeant Major James G. Warnock by appointment go to Titusville to-day and present the Citizens' Corps of that place, in behalf of the Duquesne Greys, with an elegantly prepared and framed set of resolutions expressive of the sentiments of the members of the latter organization for the hospitible manner in which they were entertained while passing through Titusville last summer on their way to Lake Chautauqua.

SYSTEMATIC CHARITY.

What the Philadelphia "Press" Says.

To the Editor of the Pittsburgh Commercial:

In an article published in your paper of the 14th inst., we referred to the possession of something in Pittsburgh which Philadelphia has not. We knew well that such an assertion would provoke a daughter of the Quaker City, but did not for a moment suppose it would throw a Pittsburgher into spasms. It was not our intention to provoke the most sensitive, but we mistook the inflammable material here. We thought we had carefully abstained from speaking of any former organization for the relief of the poor. Our business was with the living, and we are sorry that respect for the useful living causes unhappiness in the hearts of the mourners for the honored dead. It is a law of our mental constitution that interest for the living should gradually diminish our sorrow for those who have departed. If the great success of the new organization, its usefulness in many ways and its economy disappoint any prophet of evil, the fault is in the organization, not in the good results of a good cause. We shall have no controversy with "P." Our opinion of the person who, in a public journal, in defending a cause however good, will, without provocation, in the absence of arguments and facts, resort to personalities, we shall keep to ourselves. The cause is the thing; it is above all persons. We stated the origin and success of the new association, the prejudices it had overcome, the friends it had made, and the great good it is doing in many ways. We knew what we were saying, and this result should have ended in no lower of humanity unhappy: if it has that effect, "the more's the pity."

The old organization is not in existence. Of the cause of that departure we have nothing now to say. Its friends resolved to discontinue it. However much good it may have done, under the circumstances, must the poor be neglected entirely after its death? Was it unkind to do the next best thing? And if the test, under very unfavorable circumstances, has happily disappointed its friends and even disturbed its enemies, is it a calamity? Is not a "living dog better than a dead lion?" This is not a personal matter. It is a plan for relieving suffering and benefiting men, women and children; and it would seem to be the part of wisdom to fall in with the best plan in operation to effect the object or to convince the people that there is a better one. And if the principal liberal prizes and the great body of unselfish workers, acquainted with the plan, differ from us, it may be unwise to consider them the fools and that all wisdom is with us. It is unfortunate to be so delicately constituted that we cannot endure the praise of a good cause, the wisdom of which we doubted, that we cannot hear a man called "the just" without casting one vote for his condemnation.

The "some" who we said felt the need of a new organization were sincere, and had a right to their opinions, and if the people agree with them, it is some evidence that these opinions are right. If making known this result is a crime, we stand convicted.

As to Philadelphia, the *Press*, in its recent able editorials, speaks of the "great variety of charitable agencies" set in operation every winter to relieve the destitute, "almost entirely private and spontaneous," and the great need of system. Of the excellent systems in Denmark and Sweden and in Elberfeld in Prussia, he speaks. There he says: How far such systems can be applied to this country may be a practicable remains to be seen. It certainly is desirable; for without concerted action there is no such thing as a permanent cure for relief, no guarantee of its reaching the most unfortunate, no guard against the most abundant opportunity for frauds to thrive. It is enough to say that the plan, or rather plans, upon which the Philadelphia society is now acting reproduces all the features of mediæval benevolence, and is likely to be followed by the same results. Indiscriminate relief so degrades the character of its recipients, and so saps the foundations of self-respect, that it creates the very evils it seeks to cure. In its relation to the poor and to the moral state, though destitution is not. But poverty is accessible to the temptations of pauperism, until and vulgar and mean as this condition is. Alms may be and are a line to draw poor men into this moral status.

This systematized charity we claim we have here, and this concerted action, and the "equality in the distribution of relief," and a plan for reaching "the most meritorious cases" and for preventing "fraud." Others may differ from us. We remember that it is with our judgments as our watches, none go just alike, yet each keeps time.

We have essentially the plan at Elbefeld, and similar results. Under our government neither men nor women could be compelled to take care of the poor. We think we have "a more excellent way" than that in the Press says.

"The plan originated about 1852 with a banker of Elberfeld named Daniel Von der Heydt. This organization has been under the present statute. It is quite simple, consisting of a general board in which sit a president and eight councillors. The councillors are taken in part from the city officers and in part from private life. Under these are overseers or district visitors who serve without pay, and, we believe, are elected to office. They are not permitted to decline the duty, the State claiming their services and mulcting their refusal to render them. However, whether they have the terror of a fine before their eyes, or are better hearted and more public spirited than the average American citizen, they do serve with industry, intelligence and fidelity. They make no complaint that their valuable time is taken from them without compensation, possibly cherishing some antique and visionary notion that rendering service to God is not to make money, but somewhat nearer the Assembly's Catechism's designation of his proper function, man's end. At this time, singular Germans apparently count it an honorable distinction to serve the city in this capacity, and we remember to have hardly known of a man's resigning his office as overseer or visitor. The city is divided into a section of the city under his supervision, and all applications for relief must be made to them. Every week or fortnight the general business sections have a district meeting under the presidency of an overseer, where cases are compared, and a pauper escaping from one section to another is immediately detected at the visitors' meeting and the fact reported to another at the overseers' meetings. Methods of inspection, reliefs equalized and concerted action secured.

"One of the most striking peculiarities of the system is that no visitor is allowed to have the care of more than four paupers at a time. The purpose of this arrangement is two-fold; first, it subjects the applicant for relief to thorough inspection. A rigorous series of questions are addressed to him about his origin, relatives, trade, habits and residences; how he came to be in need and just the measure of relief to be accorded to him are determined by the searching inquisition. Such investigation is not disagreeable, and a man will think twice before he comments to encounter it. But this is not the only unpalatable feature to be met with. The relief or encouragement is given a pauper to remain on the visitor's list. Scrupulous pains are taken that no necessity is neglected, but no less scrupulous pains are taken that nothing beyond necessity be granted. No premium is paid to laziness, and intelligent and sagacious care is exercised to make work and the reward of work as far more attractive than the dole of the pauper board.

"The second purpose of this arrangement is that the visitor may be the friend of the destitute. It is his business to know the pauper's circumstances and to enable him to improve them as soon as possible. A truly unfortunate man will find the visitor a friend, a degraded man will be afraid of him.

"The law reinforces these operations in a three-fold way. It constitutes these unsalaried agents legal officers; it prescribes rules for their proceedings, such as securing money, fixing conditions of relief and authority over the whole matter; it confers upon them a compulsory power over the subjects of relief. They are authorized to commit to prison, for from a week to a month, those who, being out of work, cannot show that they have made satisfactory exertions to obtain it, those who refuse to do work assigned to them when it is fairly within their physical strength, and those who by drunkenness or other indulgence reduce themselves to want, or permit those dependent upon them to suffer. In all this scheme there is nothing impossible of realization anywhere, if the people are wise enough to appreciate the serious evils of pauperism and address themselves to their cure.

"Now, as for the result: In 1852 there were in Elberfeld 5,000 paupers out of a population of 50,000. The relief cost the city $45,000 a year. In 1869 the number of paupers was reduced to 1,062, and the money spent on them to less than $20,000. That this result was not reached by terrifying vagrants and demoralized beggars from the city, but by a radical cure of pauperism, is proved by the increasing thrift and prosperity of the poor, and by the steady accumulations of beneficial societies and savings funds."

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COURT PROCEEDINGS.

United States District Court—Judge McCandless.

Lowrie Childs, bankrupt, Pittsburgh. An order was made for the sale of certain stock of the Allegheny Insurance Company to John R. Gloniger.

Hoyt Bros. *et al*, vs. David Ackerman, Luzerne county. Petition in bankruptcy filed, and an order to show cause made, returnable on the 29th inst. A restraining order was issued against D. David Ackerman, and the hearing upon the injunction fixed for the 1st prox.

James Clayton, bankrupt, Blair county. Assignee's report of the sale of real estate confirmed nisi.

George Crawford, debtor, Pittsburgh. Composition proceedings conducted.

Andrew D. Miller, bankrupt, Allegheny City. The composition was set aside so far as the same refers to the surrender or negotiable paper held by Lucresne Bank.

Conrad M. Harmer, bankrupt, Pittsburgh. It was ordered that the books of the bankrupt be placed in the hands of the Marshal, and that the assignee and Wm. McC. Dravo have free access thereto.

Fifth Avenue Bank vs. Samuel Glass, Pittsburgh. The exceptions to the confirmation of the Register's report in the distribution of the creditors joining in the petition for adjudication.

The February special term began yesterday.

No Grand Jury was summoned for the term.

United States vs. 210 tons iron ore said to be owned by Shoenberger, Blair & Co, and same vs. 240 tons of iron ore owned by the same parties, cause of forfeiture. On motion of claimant's counsel, the causes were continued.

C. T. Ames vs. Roberts Run Coal Company. In bankruptcy. Case continued.

Fisher, sutphin & Co. vs. W. L. Harvey. In bankruptcy. Case settled.

Charles W. Robb vs. Joshua Blumer. In bankruptcy. Case settled.

O. A. Childs & Co. vs. Collins, Pool & Co. In bankruptcy. Case continued.

J. W. Christy et al. vs. Concord Savings Bank. In bankruptcy. Case continued.

Gerry, Hilton & Colwell vs. Pittsburgh Bolt Company. In bankruptcy. Case continued.

W. S. Purviance, assignee, vs. Henry Harley. Continued.

John McDonald, assignee, vs. H. R. Fullerton. Continued.

Joseph H. Boreland, assignee, vs. Ayers Lynch. Continued.

Wm. Maroney, assignee, vs. Johnston & Brevillier. Continued for trial at Williamsport.

Common Pleas No. 1—Judges Stowe and Collier.

Elias Katz vs. Conrad King; action on a note. Verdict for plaintiff for $997.76.

Aldine Company of New York vs. J. R. Foster & Co., previously reported. On trial.

McFarland, Collins & Co. vs. Geo. Walker, action for goods sold. Verdict for plaintiffs for $277 69.

A. M. Barr and M. O'Hara vs. George McCombs. Verdict for plaintiffs for $983 20.

William M. Devore and A. M. Walker, partners as Devore & Walker, vs. James A. Russell and Peter C. Sylvers; action against the defendants as sureties on a bond. Verdict for plaintiffs for $500, subject to the opinion of the Court on a question of law reserved.

Robert Pollock vs. Hugh Gardner and Johanna Gardner; action to recover for professional services rendered. The defense claim that they are plaintiff more than stipulated to charge for what services he did render, and in regard to other services claimed, they contend that he never was employed. On trial.

WORRY.

Common Pleas No. 2 was engaged in hearing cases on the argument list yesterday.

To-day being a legal holiday, none of the Courts will be in session.

Returned from Europe.

The widely known dry goods merchant of Federal street, Allegheny, Mr. William Semple, has just returned from a trip to Europe, where he has been looking up bargains and novelties for his thousands of patrons. During the season he will be constantly in receipt of importations and is happy to announce that for variety and value they will far surpass anything he ever before has the pleasure of offering. Mr. Semple would respectfully solicit an examination of his stocks of new dress goods, table linens, damasks, Hamburg edgings, handkerchiefs, white goods. A special bargain just opened in three cases of Irish linens short lengths, at prices much under value.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Adjourned Meeting of Select—The Appropriation Ordinance Passed—Abolition of the Board of Health Proposed.

Select Council held an adjourned meeting yesterday for the purpose of further considering the appropriation ordinance. Dr. A. H. Gross, President, was present for the first time since his severe illness, and was warmly welcomed.

Mr. E. M. O'Neil, member elect from the Third ward, was sworn in and took his seat for the unexpired term of Gus. L. Braun.

Dr. Gross called Mr. Litteil to the chair.

The appropriation ordinance was again called up and put on its final passage. The yeas and nays were called, resulting 38 yeas to 4 nays, so the ordinance was adopted. Messrs. J. K. P. Duff, Evans, Sawyer and Sorg voted in the negative, and Messrs. Buckley, Doyle and Goldthorpe refused to vote.

THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

Mr. Gregor Fox offered the following:

WHEREAS, By an act of Assembly the City of Pittsburgh is compelled to support a commission known as the Board of Health, and

WHEREAS, The Board of Health cost the city $18,000 last year, and are ready and willing to spend $8,000, or as much more as they can get this year, and

WHEREAS, The benefits derived by the people by the existence of this Board of Health, are not forcibly apparent, and

WHEREAS, A committee of Councils by the aid of police surveillance, could enforce the sanitary laws and promote the sanitary condition of the city more efficiently and at less expense, therefore

Resolved, That the City Attorney is hereby instructed to prepare a bill for Assembly repealing the act providing for the Board of Health, and forward the same to Harrisburg without delay, and such other legislation as may be necessary to secure the repeal of said act.

Resolved, That our representatives be requested to use all efforts necessary to secure the passage of said bill.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded with the act.

Quite an extended discussion was had on the resolution, after which Mr. Holliday moved that action on the resolutions be indefinitely postponed. The motion was lost, however.

Mr. W. J. Moore and Mr. Charles P. Duff were sworn in as members, both for unexpired terms, the former from the Eleventh and the latter from the Twelfth ward.

Mr. Charles Duff moved to amend the resolutions by adding and "the pest house," so that the latter be abolished also. This was lost.

CURTAILING POWERS.

Mr. Powers offered the following: That the act of Assembly creating the Board of Health be so far repealed as to place the Board and its operations within the control of the City Councils.

The amendment was carried.

The yeas and nays were called on the resolutions as amended, resulting as follows:

Aye—Messrs. Abl, Atkinson, R. B. Brown, Bruce, Buckley, Carr, Daniels, Doyle, Duff, J. K. P. Duff, C. P., Fox (George), Fox (Gregor), Froehlich, Geiger, Glass, Goldthorp, Kerr, Lappan, Meyer, Moore, Morrison, Mustin, Pearce, McCandless, McCombs, McClurg, McKinley, O'Neil, E. M., Powers, Reiman, Rodgers, Ruhl, Schwartz, Schwarz, Sorg, Stingley, Sorg, Taylor, Vierheller, Weldon, Welsh. Total, 41.

Nays—Messrs. Evans, Holliday, Hunter, Jeremy, Litteil, MacConnell, Ray. Total 7.

So the resolutions were adopted as amended.

The regular order of business was then resumed and the following bills were presented and referred. Among the batch was a paper by Mr. MacConnell providing that each branch of Councils shall have its own stenographers.

Several ordinances were called up, but action was postponed, and after concurring in business from C. C., the Council adjourned.

PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

Pittsburgh Opera House.

It is always safe to expect a limited audience on Monday night, owing to the lack of amusement; but that present at the Opera House last night, to welcome Miss Effie E. Ellsler, was not only fair in number, but made up from the very best class of society. The play was the "Avalanche, or Under the Snow," is a very interesting one, and, for a first performance, went off remarkably well. As *Pauvrette*, Miss Effie gave fresh evidences of her natural ability and talent as an actress. In the second and third acts, as the simple mountain girl and herdess, she acted naturally, while in the closing scenes she displayed considerable power. Her effort was even, well sustained and satisfactory, and won for her hearty recalls and a floral tribute. Her singing of the "Echo Song," in the third act, was very fine, the audience calling for the song twice. Encore.

The support given Miss Ellsler is deserving of more particular notice. Mr. Pendleton, who came from Cleveland to act with her, is a young actor of a good deal of natural talent, always quiet and natural, but not strong enough all there is in the part allotted to him. He has a fine presence, and will in popularity here as he has elsewhere. Mr. Waverly, as *Bernard*, did better than in anything he has given us lately. He is the old man to perfection in his element, and gained very fairly the call before the curtain awarded him. Miss Kate Fletcher, as *Marguerite*, acted very well. Mrs. Baker had little to do, but made the most of her limited character. She is, as she is always the case, bore off a full share of the honors of the evening. There is little to say of the minor characters.

The scenery and mounting of the play were as good as have ever been seen on our stage. The set scene in the middle of the third act, was splendid, and well worthy the reputation of Mr. Scanlan, who, by the way, is altogether, "The Avalanche," as a play, is well worth a visit; with Miss Effie and Mr. Pendleton in the leading characters doubly so. It will be played at the holiday matinee this afternoon, and again this night. To-morrow evening, when she has her benefit, Miss Ellsler will appear as *Rosalind*, in "As You Like It," with Mr. Pendleton as *Jaques*.

Library Hall.

Madame Arabella Goddard's concert at Library Hall, last evening, was not so well attended as it should have been. It was, however, pleasantly and satisfactorily to all concerned.

Trimble's Varieties Theater.

The new company appeared before a full house last evening, and gave a regular stunner of a performance. There will be a matinee this afternoon, and an evening entertainment as usual.

Tableaux Vivant.

The entertainment for the benefit of St. Peter's Episcopal Church takes place at Library Hall, this evening, to-morrow and Tuesday. Hale, 103 Smithfield street, sells the seats.

"The Lady of Lyons."

The performance of the Bulwer Club, for the benefit of the School of Design, will be given to-morrow evening, at Library Hall. The drama of the "Lady of Lyons" has been thoroughly rehearsed, under the competent direction of Prof. Evans, and a good rendering of it may be looked for. The seats are on sale at Hale's.

Newsboys and Bootblacks.

The concert by the newsboys and bootblacks at the Academy, next Friday evening, will be one of the best things of the Centennial year. The little fellows are in training, and will make themselves heard in the world, anyhow. Those wanting seats can get them at Hale's. Those wanting musical instruments—the kind they wear—can get them at Kleber's, Wood street.

DEPUTY MAYOR J. M. SHAFFER is laid up with rheumatism.

A Few Words to Feeble and Delicate Women.

By R. V. PIERCE, M. D., of the World's Dispensary, Buffalo, N. Y., Author of "The People's Common Sense Medical Adviser," etc., etc.

Knowing that you are subject to a great amount of suffering, that delicacy on your part has a strong tendency to prolong it, and the longer it is neglected the more you have to endure and the more difficult of cure your case becomes, I, as a physician, who am daily consulted by scores of your sex, desire to say to you, that I am constantly meeting with those who have been treated for their ailments for months without being benefited in the least, until they have become discouraged, and think they will have almost make up their mind never to take another dose of medicine, or be tortured by any further treatment. They had rather die and have it all over with, than to live and suffer as they have. They say they are worn out by suffering and are only made worse by treatment. Of anything more discouraging, we certainly cannot conceive, and were there no more successful mode of treating such difficulties than that, their principles of reaching the root, producing and depleting of the vital forces of the system, when the indications dictate a treatment directly the reverse of the one adopted for debilitated females, it is deplorable indeed. But, lady sufferers, there is a better and far more successful plan of treatment for you; one more in harmony with the laws and requirements of your system. A harsh, irritating caustic treatment and strong medicines will never cure you. If you would use rational means, such as common sense dictates, and which every intelligent lady, take such medicines as embody the very best invigorating tonics and nervines, compounded in such a manner as to produce delicate system. Such a happy combination you will find in my favorite prescription, which has received the highest praise from thousands of your sex. Those languid, tiresome sensations, causing you to feel scarcely able to be on your feet or ascend a flight of stairs without resting, will soon be among the things of the past. Dragging pains from your system all your former elasticity, and driving the bloom from your cheeks; that continual strain upon your vital forces that renders you nervous and fretful,—may all be overcome and subdued by a persevering use of that marvelous remedy. Irregularities and obstructions to the proper action of your system will be relieved by this mild and safe means, while periodical pains, the existence of which is a sure indication of serious disease that should not be neglected, readily yield to it, and if its use be kept up for a reasonable length of time, the special cause of these pains be permanently removed. Further light on these subjects may be obtained from "The People's Common Sense Medical Adviser," in which I have devoted a large space to the consideration of all forms of diseases peculiar to your sex. This work will be sent (post-paid) to any address on receipt of $1 50. My favorite prescription is sold by druggists. TTHS&T

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N. B.—Office open evenings till nine o'clock.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

HOMEOPATHIC.

Medicines and Publications.

The only place to get reliable and pure Homeopathic preparations is at George W. Backofen's, No. 161 Smithfield street, above Sixth avenue.

German Steam Flour Mill.

Pure Rye Flour, Cornmeal and Chopped Feed always on hand. Gristing done at short notice. Cash paid for grain. Second and Middle streets, Allegheny City.

Headache.

It is an established fact that the extract of cranberries and hemp combined by Dr. Miller, 327 Spruce street, Philadelphia, Pa., permanently cures the most obstinate cases of dyspeptic, nervous or sick headache, and is an absolute specific for Neuralgia and Nervousness. Prepared in pills. Fifty cents a box. Sent by mail. R. E. Sellers & Co., 45 Wood street, Pittsburgh. TTHS

ALLEGHENY POOR BOARD.

Special Meeting Last Evening—Election of Superintendent of Insane Department and Farmer—Some Interesting Reading, &c., &c.

The Board of Poor Directors, of Allegheny City, held a special meeting last evening for the purpose of electing a Superintendent of the Insane Department and a Farmer. President Neely occupied the chair.

The chair stated the object of the meeting, and declared that nominations were in order for the offices mentioned. Several persons were nominated for each office, when the Board proceeded to the election of a Farmer The result was that Mr. Beckert had seven votes and Mr. Flannegan one. The election of Mr. Beckert was made unanimous.

It was then moved that an election be held for Superintendent of the Insane Department of the Home. The nominations were Messrs. Morrow and Crane, the latter being the present incumbent.

THE TAYLOR CASE.

Dr. Riggs thought, in view of Mr. Crane's candidacy, it would be proper to discuss the subject of the paternity of the child lately given birth to by Mrs. Taylor, an inmate of the Insane Department. Taylor, the husband of the woman, had sworn that he was not the father of the child, and had within a few days made an information before Alderman D. L. Smith charging an officer of the institution with an offense, the investigation of which bourne was likely to be made in the Criminal Court. The speaker was subpoenaed as a witness in the hearing before the Alderman, which would take place next Friday.

Several members were in favor of postponing the election until after this investigation.

Mr. Dickson didn't believe in laying this matter over. If the case went to court it might be a year before it was disposed of. He had no personal feeling in the matter, but he hoped the election would not be delayed on account of any charges against any person interested.

Mr. Reed said he was not familiar with the circumstances of the investigation of the Taylor case, and he would therefore ask that the clerk read the minutes of that investigation.

The Clerk read the minutes, from which it appeared that Virginia Johnson testified that Taylor visited his wife in February, 1875, and was alone with her in the dining room for some time. Taylor, on the other hand, swore that during the interview mentioned by Miss Johnson, there was another inmate present all the time, and that he was never at any time alone with his wife at the Home. The report of the investigating committee was that they believed Taylor was the father of the child. Dr. Smith submitted a minority report, dissenting from the views expressed by the majority.

The motion to proceed to an election was then carried. The election resulted—Crane, 6; Morrow, 5. Mr. Crane was thereupon declared elected.

PRESIDENT NEELEY RESIGNS.

At the close of the election President Neely said: "I have nothing further to say except to ask you to accept my resignation as a member of this board."

Dr. Riggs—I am sorry to hear of your resignation. This board has been a unit, and I hope it will be sorry for. I have always, until lately, been in favor of Mr. Crane, but the late occurrence in his department of the Home has changed my feelings toward him. The Board should not be influenced by the result of this legal investigation.

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President Neeley thought certain things in the Insane Department looked very suspicious, and there should be a thorough investigation.

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He then announced the standing committees for the year, and asked that the Board at once take action on his resignation.

A motion that the resignation be accepted was voted down.

OTHER MATTERS.

A motion to take up other business previvailed.

The Clerk was directed to advertise for bids to furnish drugs and stationery for the House, the same to be delivered at Claremont Station.

The case of Mrs. Conners, of the 11th ward, was taken up. It was stated that this woman was receiving four dollars per week from the directors, and is delinquent. She is a member of a Catholic Society. She now desired to be sent to California. The matter was referred to the President and Clerk for investigation, to see whether it would be cheaper to send Mrs. C. for a year than for the district or to continue her weekly stipend.

Adjourned.

"The Soldiers' and Sailors' Journal."

This is the title of a handsome eight-page sheet, published semi-monthly in Philadelphia by T. W. Merrihew, and "devoted to the interests of the Grand Army of the Republic, and Military and Naval matters." The first number issued under date of the 15th inst., has a very good picture, engraved Garfield Harbaugh, with an article on his military and civil career; a poem by Bayard Taylor, another by Colonel Scaff, and a great deal of matter of immediate interest to the comrades of the Grand Army and others who take note of military matters. The subscription price is $1 50 per annum. These desiring the paper should address the publisher, T. W. Merrihew, 13 North Third street, Philadelphia.

POLITICAL.

State.

The Allentown *Herald* says that there is a movement on foot to put forward Hon. Asa Packer as a Presidential candidate.

Clinton county sends A. N. Raub as Representative delegate to the Democratic State Convention at Lancaster.

The delegates from Venango county to the Democratic State Convention are: Senator Wm. L. Scheran; Representative, William Hosson, James Anderson and S. W. Stewart.

The Republicans of Blair county have elected Colonel James F. Milliken Senatorial and Captain Jones and Dr. Johnson Representative delegates to the State Convention.

The Lebanon County Republican Committee has chosen C. P. Miller Senatorial and Israel Groh and Jacob Bixler Representative delegates to the Republican State Convention. Jacob R. Grove was recommended for a delegate to the National Convention. The committee unanimously voted to instruct for the Blaine nomination.

The Altoona *Radical* has this in its "Table Talk:" "We